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Quieter In Canal Zone

Fayid, Nov. 30. A British military spokesman said here to-night that there had been a marked decline in incidents in the Suez Canal Zone in the last 24 hours.

But he said that it was too early yet to say whether this was a result of Wednesday's agreement between the British commander, General Erskine, and the Governor of the Suez Zone, Chahaly Bey.

In Cairo tonight, Field Marshal Asir El Meary Pasha, in a joint statement with other "liberation" unit commanders, strongly criticised a Government decision to take over control of the "liberation battalions" shortly—Reuter.

Pusan Explosion

Death Toll Rises

Tokyo, Nov. 30. The known death toll in yesterday's mystery blast, which destroyed a South Korean grenade factory on the outskirts of Pusan, rose to six today as two more charred bodies were recovered from the ruins.

Hospitals were reported to have treated at least 50 people for injuries from burns. The factory blew up just before dawn.

Reports from Pusan said that the first four charred bodies were found by rescue workers in the burnt out wreckage of a house next to the factory. It is feared that everyone inside the factory itself must have been killed.

The blast flattened and set on fire about 250 South Korean homes, flimsily built of wood and mud. The port of Pusan itself was shaken for about an hour by the three heavy blasts and a series of minor explosions.

Investigations have not ruled out the possibility of sabotage. —Reuter.

Should Japan Rearm?

Decision Must Be Left To People

Washington, Nov. 30. Questions as to whether Japan should rearm to a limited extent and if so whether this would require a constitutional amendment are for the people of Japan to decide without outside pressure.

That is the view of the majority of American officials closely connected with diplomatic quarters in the Japanese area. Many of them, however, make no secret of the fact that they believe that some Japanese are "unrealistic" when they believe they can remain totally disarmed and make no contribution to collective security arrangements in the Pacific.

Officials here well realise that even among those Japanese who concede the necessity for limited rearmament by the creation of ground forces, there is a division of opinion over whether the Japanese Constitution would have to be amended to permit this.

1. There are those who contend that Article Nine of the Constitution can be interpreted to prohibit only the creation of a war machine with "aggressive" potential, that it does not preclude the creation of land forces to be knit into collective security arrangements in which the United States and other regional powers could provide.

2. There are those who assert that the proper interpretation of the Constitution would forbid even the creation of limited land contingents.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Early Morning Radio

FOUR years have passed since listeners, by means of a Gallup Poll conducted by the Hongkong Telegraph, indicated their desire for early morning programmes from Radio Hongkong. Their wish is now about to be met, and if Government's response to public feeling has been tardy, the decision made at last affords some satisfaction. The desirability of early morning sessions is prompted by more than one factor. Purely as a matter of service to listeners they constitute a normal feature of any present-day radio station; and in Hongkong, licence holders who pay their annual \$20 fee, have for a considerable time past felt they were not receiving the best value for their money. From both Radio Hongkong and ZEK they are at present being offered seven and a half hours of broadcasting every week day, spaced over two intervals. An additional two hours, making three broadcasting periods, are to be introduced next week. Even this does not compare with the 16 to 18 hours a day which represent the normal broadcasting output for radio stations elsewhere in the world, but any additional service is welcome, and local listeners will appreciate Radio Hongkong's attempt to cater more fully for their needs. The two-hour pro-

They're A Credit To Scotland

SOME discussion has arisen at Home over a statement which estimates the highbrow population of Scotland at between 2,000 and 2,500, or about one in every 2,000. The authority who made this estimate was chiefly concerned to deride this refined class, so the Scot's Log goes out of its way to deride him in turn, by skilful rallying designed to show how impossible it is to make anything like an accurate estimate. For example, Usher Hall could hold all the stated number of highbrows, and has in fact been filled during a highbrow concert. It is inconceivable, however, that every single highbrow in Scotland had been there on a single occasion. Theoretically Edinburgh would show the greatest density of highbrows, while Glasgow, despite its much larger total population, would make a poorer

grammes from Radio Hongkong and the one-hour period from ZEK in the early morning, as outlined by a Government spokesman, suggests a modest conception of the form an early morning session should take. Listeners' interest and enjoyment, however, can be considerably sharpened by the manner in which the programmes are presented. This, in radio jargon, is essentially a "disc jockey" job, where script gives way to extemporisation and improvisation and the individuality and personality of the announcer in charge must be allowed full expression. Radio Hongkong listeners can confidently look forward to the necessary light touches and sense of intimacy which are essential requirements for successful breakfast sessions because the station fortunately has the services of a trained announcer with considerable experience of this type of radio work. Given a reasonably free hand, which every early morning session "disc jockey" must have if his programmes are to hold listeners' interest and attention, there is no reason to doubt that Mr Phillips will make Radio Hongkong's early morning programmes entertaining and attractive, and that the innovation will prove itself a worth while success.

showing. Distribution might in fact confute theory. Places like St Andrew, or Dollar might be shown to have more highbrows per population than large urban areas. The investigator would surely require some kind of objective test for identifying highbrows, few of whom would admit the impeachment. They belong to more than one type, anyway, and some confirm the height of their brows by passionate addiction to lowbrow pursuits. But no matter how few or how many they are, they are to be regarded as a credit to the nation, and the writer of the Log urges they be found a place of sanctuary such as even ducks enjoy, where they can be punishable to mock, despise, insult, discomfort, or otherwise submit to indignity, any duly certified highbrow.

HOME GUARD BARS COMMUNISTS

London, Nov. 30. Communists and crypto-Communists will be barred from joining Britain's volunteer force of Home Guards who are to protect the country against saboteurs in any future war.

The War Minister, Mr Anthony Eden, stated this in the House of Commons last night in reply to a question by a Labour Member, Mr. Harry Hughes.—Reuter.

Book Offends Buddhists

Colombo, Nov. 30.

The book, "Kidnapped" in Kandy, by the British authoress, Margaret Ruthin, has been withdrawn from sale after strong protests by the All-Ceylon Buddhist Congress that it made "disparaging references to Buddhism."

Announcing the withdrawal, Blackie and Sons, the publishers, said that they had cabled to the Congress, "regretting the unintentional offence given."

The Ceylon Government has stopped meanwhile the importation and circulation of the book in Ceylon.—Reuter.

KIDNAPPED MAN RELEASED

Rangoon, Nov. 30. Mr. Sam Edwards, the British manager of a Burma rubber plantation, who was kidnapped by rebels, was released today. The Indian overseer, Mr. S. M. Peter, was also released. Both men were said to be unharmed. The agents had not said if the ransom had been paid, but admitted that the kidnappers had asked for 11,000.

“GET OUT OF THE SUDAN”

DEMAND BY EGYPT

Paris, Nov. 30.

Egypt told Britain tonight to get out of the Sudan because she had no right to be there.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah el Din Bey, told a press conference that in the Sudanese plebiscite he proposed there could be only two choices — union with Egypt or independence. There could be no question, he said, of Sudanese union with Britain.

"We do not consider the United Kingdom has any legal status at all in the Sudan," he said. Egypt will reply formally to the recent British White Book on Anglo-Egyptian relations, he added, in a Book to be issued shortly in Cairo.

The Egyptian Ambassador, Mahmoud Fawzi Bey, charged earlier in a prepared statement that Britain's attitude in the Sudanese question was "still another cause of John Bull poking his nose where it does not belong and indulging in his usual unwarranted imposition."

"Historically, politically, geographically, economically, ethnologically, linguistically and religiously, Egypt and the Sudan form a cohesive unit," he declared.

He said any dividing line between Egypt and the Sudan was "entirely artificial and has no topographical or other counterpart in actual fact."

"It is a British line, it intrudes on reality and does violence to the nature of things. The term Anglo-Egyptian Sudan is a pure invention which carries the trade-mark Made in England."

HEATED DISCUSSION

Fawzi Bey said his 1899 agreements with Britain on the Sudan, which Egypt recently denounced, "were of a purely administrative nature and did in no way affect the political status of the Sudan, and they were but arrangements for temporary extending by Britain of some sort of technical assistance in the administration of the Sudan."

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, who attended the conference, to underline its importance, intervened on several occasions as the discussion became heated and irritated.

The Minister stated that Britain had no direct relationship with the Sudan and she was in the Sudan acting in the name of Egypt but against her will.

He urged that the British occupation be ended and Britain's officials be withdrawn, because "under current British pressure" the Sudanese could not express their will freely.

"Britain wants to perpetuate this state of affairs and to prevent under this regime for the plebiscite. Egypt wants British pressure to be removed first. There is no section in the Sudan which claims relationship with Britain and there are only two alternatives left in any forthcoming plebiscite — namely, either unity with Egypt or outright independence."

Fawzi Bey, in reply to questions, said that Egypt would not disclose the future course of its policy and the measures she intended to take in relation to her claims to the Sudan.—United Press.

LORRY-TRAIN COLLISION

Kalamazoo, Michigan, Nov. 30. A passenger train collided with a petrol lorry at a crossing today and the police reported at least seven coaches on the train were burning.

The engine driver and fireman were taken to a hospital seriously burned. It was not known immediately how many other persons had been injured.

Later reports said that there were no fatalities and only a small number of injuries.—Reuter.



Last month the 14th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, the senior Field Artillery Regiment in the British Army, replaced the 45th Field Regiment, RA, in the front line in Korea. At a simple ceremony to mark the handing over of the outgoing regiment's guns, RSM. Walkington of the 14th Field Regt, RA, raised his Regiment's flag while the 14th Field Regt fired their first salvo at the enemy. Guards of honour from the two regiments presented arms as the guns fired and the flags changed.

STOP PRESS

West Indies Score Quickly

—After half an hour's play this morning in the second Test match at Sydney, the West Indies had advanced their overnight score of 288 for the loss of six wickets to 388 for 6.

The West Indies batsmen attacked the Australian bowling from the start and scored 52 runs in 30 minutes.

TEST LATEST

West Indies 381 for 6 wickets. Goddard and Gomez are batting.

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HER Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh were given a tremendous welcome home when they landed at Liverpool on their return from Canada. A salute of 21 guns was fired by the Boys' Battery, RA. Pictures on the right show the Rt Hon. Lord Derby, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lancashire, greeting the Princess and her husband, and the Royal couple, in London, driving to the Guildhall luncheon. (Army News Service and Reuterphoto).

LEFT: Sir John Cockcroft, Britain's No. 1 atom scientist, and Professor E. T. S. Walton, of Trinity College, Dublin, are to share this year's Nobel Prize for Physics. Sir John (with glasses) is shown with a colleague in front of a cyclotron, device for accelerating atomic particles. (Keystone through BANU).



RIGHT: Debutantes Zara Howard and Jane Wilson serving as waitresses at the bridge and canasta party given at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, in aid of the Lifeboat Service. (Express Service).



THE United States Marines celebrated their 176th anniversary at the Savoy Hotel, London. Pictured are the most junior and most senior Marines cutting the cake, as is the tradition. (Express Service).



AT the Guildhall luncheon welcoming Princess Elizabeth and her husband back to London. The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, between the two Princesses, leans over to catch the words of Princess Margaret. The Prime Minister proposed a toast to Princess Elizabeth. (Reuterphoto).

MR James Bustamante, leader of the Jamaican Government, auctioning off a bottle of champagne at the cocktail party held in London in aid of the Jamaican Hurricane Relief Fund. The party was attended by the Queen. (Express Service).



RIGHT: Bulging eyes, gaping throat and waiting fangs are the salient features of Joe, London Zoo sea lion, all contributing to make this picture a study in eagerness. Joe was leaning far over the railing of his cage for a feed from his keeper. (Reuterphoto).



LEFT: The Mounties in London. Constable T. A. Mathews, followed by Corporal J. T. J. Guimet, getting into a car outside their hotel to go to Clarence House. They were among a small party of Mounties who accompanied Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to London following their trip to Canada. (Express Service).

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DIAMOND VIC GOES TO IT WITH A SONG

From WILFRED POTTER

GEORGETOWN. "I'm here to collect a fortune in diamonds," he said. "It was the simple, straightforward statement of intentions made by husky, ex-Murine Commando Victor Norwood when he arrived here.

Light away he got down to planning details of a one-man expedition into British Guiana's uncharted hinterland. It is an expedition based on a story which has all the romance of a Robert Louis Stevenson novel.

Singer, author, amateur wrestler, Victor Norwood—he comes from Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire—has scraped and saved every penny he has earned in the past six years to reach here. He has put down the £90 deposit for immigrants, and is all set to seek untold riches.

In his pocket is a 23-year-old map. "It is the key to what I believe is the Empire's most fabulous diamond mine," he told me triumphantly.

But to go back to the story of this map and how it came into Vic's possession. Scrabbling untidily on a piece of yellowing paper, the story goes back to 1928, when an amateur mineralogist and author, William La Varre, peered the colony's savage interior in search of the glittering stones.

Every year colonial diamond-seekers toss their lives into the balance against the grim jungle which guards British Guiana's mineral wealth. Many lose. Some come out alive.

Of these, one was La Varre, who lived to publish a novel called "Jungle Treasure."

But when he wrote his book he didn't know that a negro guide had stumbled on the secret of fabulous diamond deposits and hadn't told his boss. The guide scratched out his rough map of the perilous Taruma Falls, near the Dutch Guiana (Surinam) border. La Varre left British Guiana, and he left behind the precious secret he had overlooked.

Years later destiny caught up with the guide. In Bartica, rough-and-tough mining and mining town 60 miles up the River Demerara, he got mixed up in a fierce bar-room brawl. Knives flashed and the man died.

And the map? It was kept by his son, a young man who lacked the capital to follow up the vital information contained

on that scrap of dirty paper. He carried it for years, never letting it out of his hands.

Then came the war. He joined the Merchant Navy. Destiny moved the pieces a little closer on the strange chessboard of life. As a stoker in a merchantman he met Vic Norwood, a gunner on the same ship. They became friends.

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"One day," Norwood told me, "a German submarine torpedoed our ship. In the mad frenzy that followed the explosion my stoker friend was wounded. He said to me, 'Listen, Vic, take the map. I want you to have it. It cost my old man his life, and I'm sure there's a fortune for the man who can follow it and fathom its secret.' Then he died in my arms."

Though he has set out on his own, the one-man expedition promises to be increased in the near future. The ex-Commando will wait in Georgetown for Luton bus-driver Jack Minns, ten years his junior.

Meanwhile, Victor Norwood, whose wife, Elizabeth and 11-year-old son Russell are staying in Scunthorpe, plans to raise more funds for the expedition by giving tenor recitals here. A radio adventurer if ever there was one!

Not content with this effort at money-raising, he will put the finishing touches to four novels—one entitled "Adventure Into the Unknown." These he hopes, will help to swell the expedition's funds.

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"It's what happens to all my heroes happens to me," grinned Norwood, "I'll be finished."

Not so long ago a lone wolf prospector found a 30 carat diamond worth £3,200. And the U.S. Economic Aid Co-operation Administration has begun a double-barrelled wave of emotion flashed across the nation.

If Norwood's expedition is successful, my guess is that British Guiana will be seeing such a diamond shout as has not been witnessed since the mad scramble of 1928. But for Norwood it will merely be something he "just knew by instinct"—Something he has known for years existed in the dark, swirling waters of the jungle streams.

A college label —on easy terms

by TREVOR EVANS

DO Hollywood films showing nearly every boy and girl going to college give you an idea of what's involved? Complex about British education?

Well, forget it. Half the youngsters who go to American colleges pack up before they can take their degrees—usually in the first year.

This shocked the 15 British educationists who have gone home from the United States after comparing the tie-up between universities and industry in the two countries.

EXTRAVAGANT

In Britain, they say in their report, such a waste of training would be regarded as "extravagant and educationally undesirable."

Not so in America. It gives a young man or woman quite a lift in life to have been to a college at all. It is rather like the American love of a middle initial; this is so much a matter of pride that Harry S. Truman invented the "S." It doesn't stand for anything.

Plenty of children do get degrees, and America has 1,294 institutions to confer them—at the rate of about half a million a year.

In Britain, for example, you have to be quite a good atom scientist to earn a bank clerk's wage.

FAT FEES

American universities get huge research contracts from private industry. Their graduates are given top industrial administrative jobs.

Even the research professors get fat fees from industry, which put them on an income level with big business executives.

There's the report pinpoints Britain's weakest educational link: The American with academic brilliance gets the sort of wage that makes it worth while to stay at his job.

In Britain, for example, you have to be quite a good atom scientist to earn a bank clerk's wage.



"A few night-guard duties in Squire's woods'll help the meat ration—'Halt, who goes there?' No answer. Bang! And down comes a pheasant."

London Express Service

THE MASSACRE MOOD

THREE WORDS SUM UP THE BEWILDERED AND ANXIOUS FEELING IN AMERICA TODAY

Massacre' news may hit talks

WASHINGTON Wednesday—
MASSACRE from Korea and
headquarters of Red China
of the news that the Com-
munist have murdered
5,553 American prisoners
has caused consternation in
Washington.

The total murdered is 12,700.

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awoke one morning to

the horrible

story of the "Death March of Bataan."

As the realisation of this sombre event sank home—the contemptuous slaughter by the Japanese of helpless men, captured after an heroic defence of America's last hold on the Philippines—a double-barrelled wave of emotion flashed across the nation.

Sorrow and grief—yes. But also a furious determination to exact full retribution.

The other night I listened to

the comments of my American

friends on the slaughter

of prisoners by the Reds

in Korea; I heard the

radio commentators, saw the big

black headlines on the front

pages, and caught the general

mood of the people. And I am

reminded at every turn of the

Bataan "Death March" days.

Same Shock

There is the same shock—and the same desire for revenge, as not, strong, and swift as possible.

In Key West, the President tells a news conference that this massacre—if proved true—is the most univisualised thing that has happened in the last century.

In Congress there is an immediate outcry for atomic weapons to be used. Senator Taft, who is an honest and responsible man, whatever his other

views, is an American Master of Science.

But America treats its brains

better. U.S. universities get

£30,000,000 a year in grants

from the Government and in

industry to carry on scientific and

engineering research. British

universities get only £1,500,000.

ONE of the more thoughtful

comments on an explosive

situation comes from Max Lerner, chief columnist in the Left-wing New York Post.

He says: "I know atrocity charges have to be examined carefully. But until the final judgment is in, it's hard not to

believe their basic truth, and to

be shocked and sickened at this

latest instance of man's in-

humanity to man."

And Lerner warns against

"some of the hysterical men in

Congress and the Press, who

have been waiting for just this

moment, is anyone's guess.

At the top of the list—

1 WHY was an announcement

of so grave a nature—and

such far-reaching implications

made without the knowledge of

either Washington or, even more

strange, of General Ridgway's

Tokyo H.Q.?

2 If Washington had ad-

vised ahead of time, would

He compiled his figures by

carefully totalling all the reports

and estimates of Red atrocities

fuel for the "Drop the atom bomb right away" campaign.

It should surprise no one that their first response to the war front and the home front morale in the Forgotten War. Maybe to show up the

hollowness of the claim of the

Communist Governments that

they are "peace-loving" and

"humanitarian," while we're

described as "ruthless."

FOOTNOTE: As an instance

of the anguish aroused across

the country, the Pentagon an-

nounced that it has received

so many telephone calls and

telegraphic inquiries from

the families of missing Service-

men that an emergency depart-

ment has had to be set up to

handle them.

It may aim to prod Communists

in the peace talks on Korea...

"Maybe to prod the Communists on the peace talks in

Korea. Maybe to stiffen both

the war front and the home

front morale in the Forgotten

War. Maybe to show up the

inhumanity of the massacre of

prisoners. Maybe to call for the

Reds' "ultimate weapon."

Hanley maintains that he was

notified early in November that

the story could be released.

He compiled his figures by

carefully totalling all the reports

and estimates of Red atrocities

he had received.

Another Question

And there is another question,

in all the welter of emotion and

anger, that has already been

answered by the man who star-

ted it all himself.

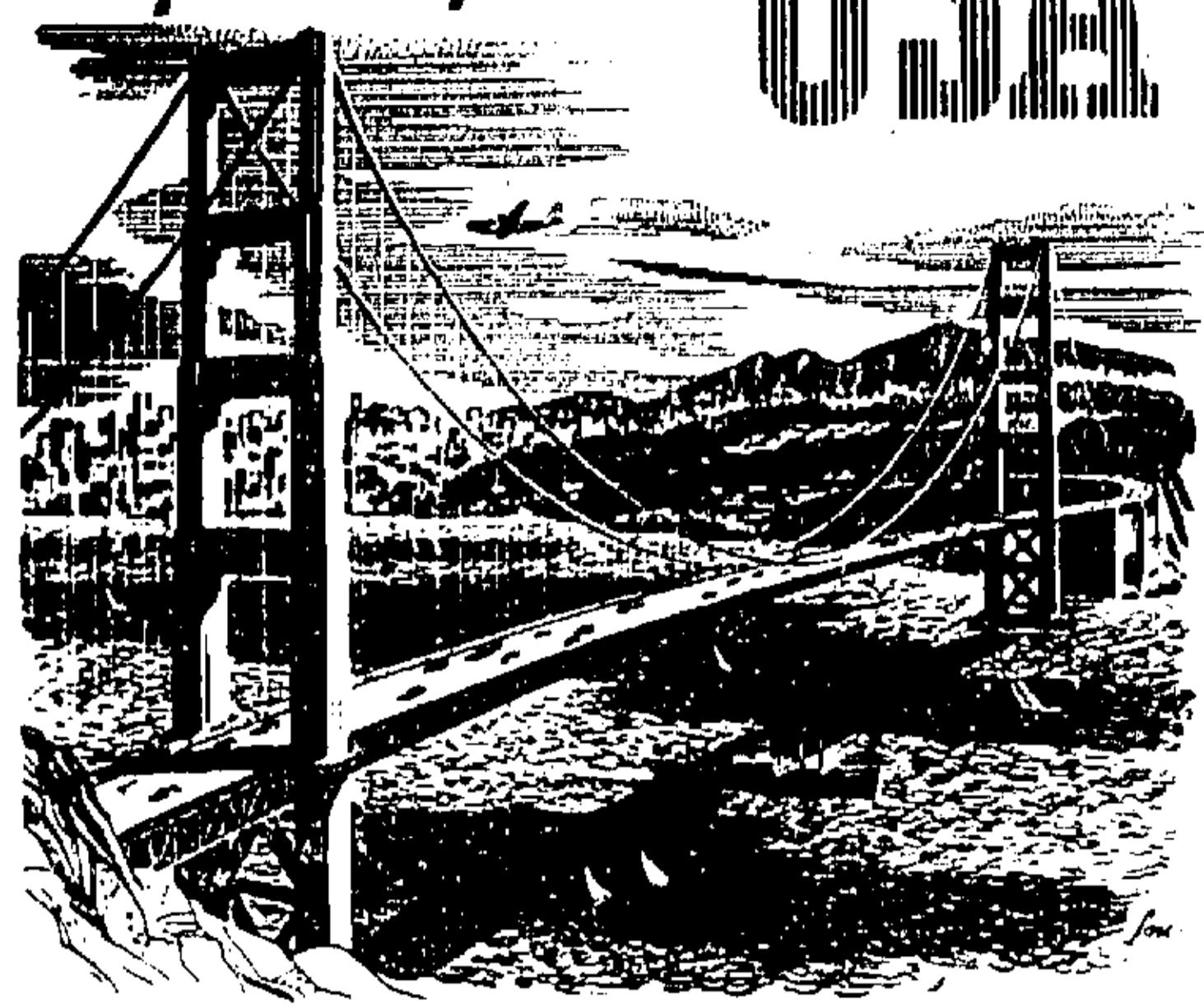
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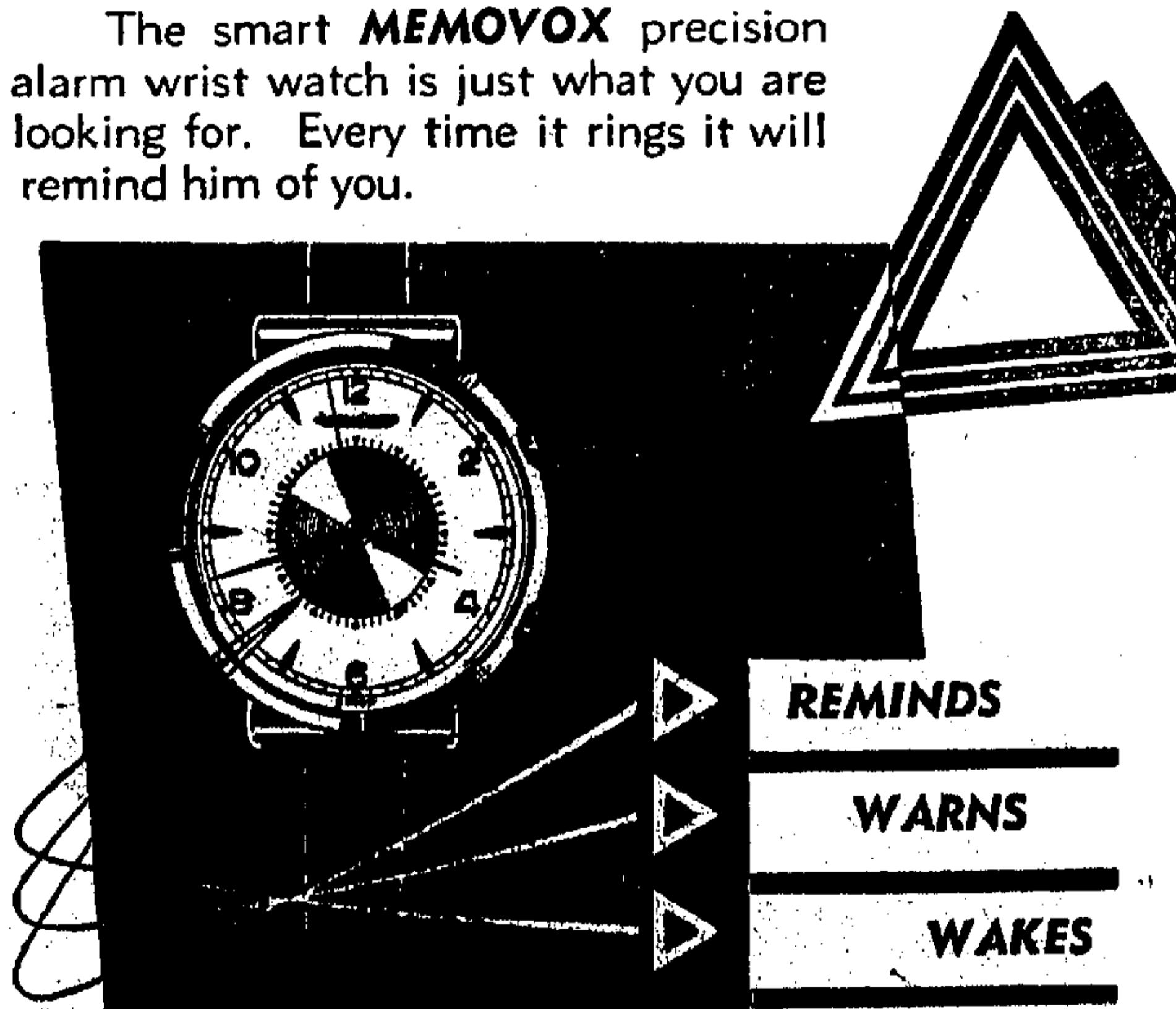
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Bernard Wicksteed learns the rules of the Parliamentary pastime of Pate-spotting

I PROPOSE today to discuss boldness among members of Parliament. I know it sounds an irreverent approach to politics, but as you will understand shortly it has an important bearing on the management and welfare of the country, and is therefore a legitimate topic for discussion.

You see it is largely by the tops of their heads that parliamentary reporters in the Press Gallery identify the speakers on the floor below, and if they weren't proficient in their head-top recognition there'd be absolute chaos throughout the country. Nobody would know who had said what.

I was struck by this aspect of public life when I went to the gallery to have a look at the new House, and noticed that now they've changed sides, like fielders at cricket, the scenery is entirely different.

Gallery view

READERS of the Daily Express, the Evening Standard, the Newcastle Journal, and the Scotsman get their reports of Parliament from men sitting perched in the gallery to the Speaker's left, and for six years they have identified the Tories below by the shape of their heads and the Socialists opposite by their faces.

Now that the parties have crossed sides, they've had to start all over again. It is the Socialists they study with a critical barber's-eye view, and the Tories they look in the face of.

For reporters sitting on the opposite side of the gallery it is naturally vice-versa.

This is where the importance of baldness enters into politics, because bald heads make for easy recognition. No reporter could ever confuse the two pates

of the past and the present Premiers, for instance.

There, on the Government front bench, the voice of Mr Churchill comes from beneath a magnificent dome, tinged with pink like St. Paul's Cathedral at sunset. It is what anthropologists would call a typical brachycephalic or broad head.

And opposite, the Leader of the Opposition speaks from beneath a perfect dolichocephalic or long-headed pate like a brown egg lying on its side.

Equally distinct is the broad, flat plain that tops the new leader of the House, Mr Crookshank; the almost Oriental minaret surmounting Mr Dalton,

I MARVEL AT THE VARIOUS TRICKS WITH SO FEW HAIRS



and the twin peaks (fore and aft) of Home Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.

The Tories have a clear majority of bald heads. I made two counts or polls in an evening. At the first the Government had 13 bald heads to six for the Opposition, and at the second the gap had closed to 18 for the Tories to 13 for the Socialists.

Next there are the nearly or thinly disguised bald heads with which the reporter must keep up to date, for they are constantly changing as members try out new methods of camouflage.

One marvels at the variety of ways there are of spreading a dozen hairs over an expanse intended for several thousand.

Some legislators favour the sideways spread, and others the fore and aft.

Some boldly concentrate what hair is left in a single defiant streak, and others devote goodness knows how much care to imparting a curl in the strands that survive.

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But whatever the system employed, the watchdogs of the Press, looking down like gargoyles from the gallery, know them all, just as they know that Mr Speaker's wig has a patch like half a crown on top, and that the roof of his ornate chair is covered with lino.

The Press Gallery overhangs the Chamber like the dress circle in a theatre, so a member who speaks from one of the back benches is not seen at all by the reporters immediately above him. He has to be identified by sound, not sight.

One reporter was telling me that for years he has known Commander Williams, the Tory member for Torquay, by his voice, but has never learned what he looks like.

Now that the voice has moved to the other side of the House and become a fact, he is blessed if he can pick him up.

No notes

STRICTLY speaking, it is still forbidden to report the speeches made in Parliament, you know.

The ban on publication, dating back to the struggles between King and Commons, is still unpealed. The penalty is imprisonment in the Tower.

The first reporters had to remember not only faces and tops of heads, they had to memorise the speeches as well, for they weren't allowed to make notes. Dr Johnson used to employ "memory men" to tell him what was said and then write up his reports of Parliament from that.

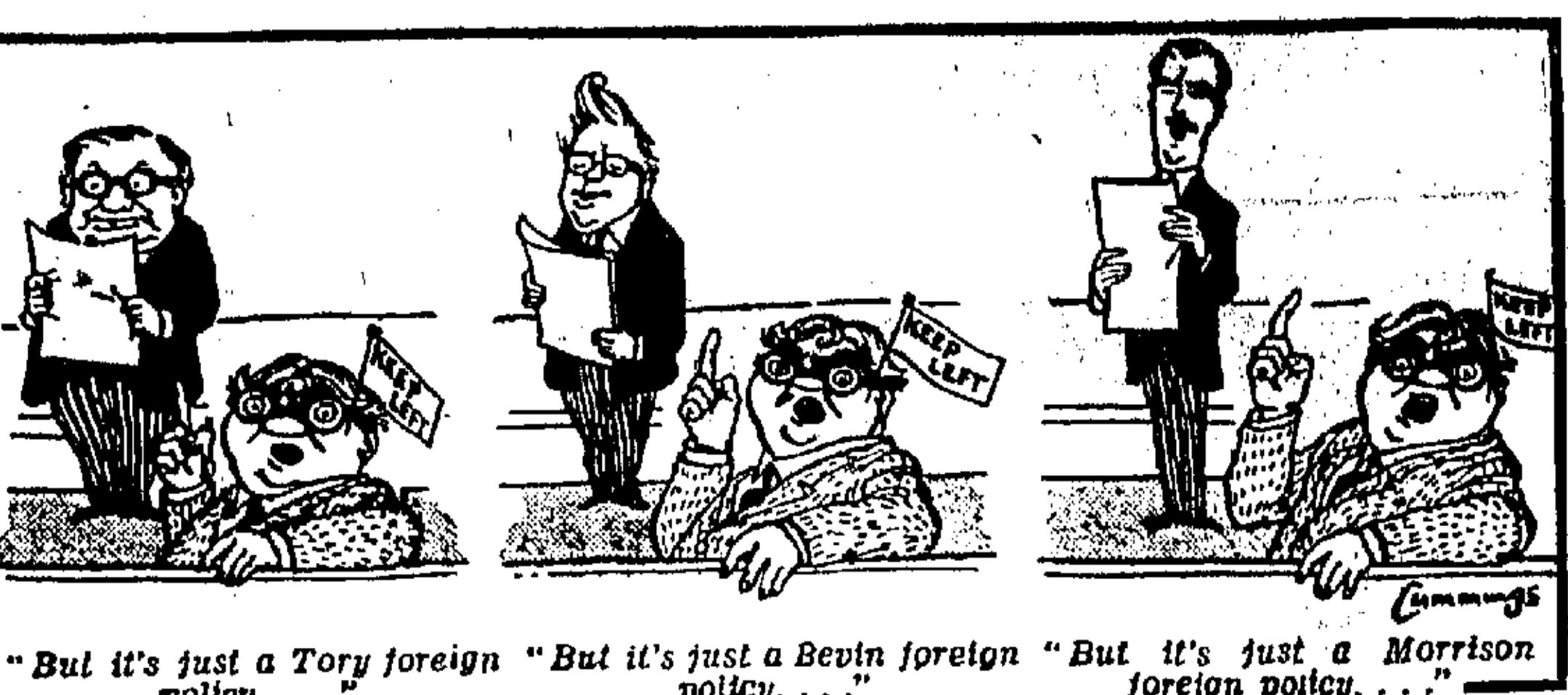
Publicity

BY the time Dickens became a parliamentary reporter note-taking was allowed, but in the Commons he had to write on his knee, and in the Lords he had to scribble standing up, huddled with other reporters like sheep in a pen.

Now politics and the Press are interwoven that parliamentary Government as we know it in this country would not work without publicity and the accurate identification of speakers by their heads.

—(London Express Service)

"The supreme directors of Allied strategy were always



A FIELD-MARSHAL SUMS UP Was It Worth While Fighting in Italy?

By PETER LOVEGROVE

DOUTS have been expressed since World War Two ended whether the bitter, costly and long drawn-out twenty-month struggle up the Italian peninsula was really worth while.

Field-Marshal Viscount Alexander, who was responsible for the direction of operations throughout this period, summed up their contribution to the general Allied victory in his final report on the campaign (His Majesty's Stationery Office, 3s), states that any estimate must be expressed, not in terms of the ground gained—for the ground was not vital in the strict sense to either side—but in terms of its effect on the war as a whole.

The campaign had, from the start, been designed as a holding attack on a major scale. "The Allied Armies in Italy," he writes, "were not engaged with the enemy's main forces and their attacks were not directed, as were those of the Allies in the West or the Russians in the East, against the heart of the German Fatherland and the nerve centres of Germany's national existence. Our role was secondary and preparatory. Nine months before the great assault in the West our invasion of Italy, at first in very moderate strength, drew off to that remote quarter forces which might have turned the scale in France. As the campaign progressed, more and more German troops were drawn in to oppose us."

"The supreme directors of Allied strategy were always careful to see that our crushing superiority in the air, strength was never allowed to which we knew from our own experience earlier in the war to be a most potent source of encouragement, did not appear to have affected the spirits of the German troops. What was even more astonishing and, it must be admitted, admirable, was that not even the obvious imminence of the complete collapse of the armies defending the Fatherland had seduced the German soldier, from his military duty or weakened his resolve to resist."

Field-Marshal Alexander, however, is extremely critical of the German strategy—dictated from above by Hitler—to hold on to every bit of ground occupied and withdraw only under the very strongest pressure. Apart from the heavy and continuous casualties which this policy entailed it meant that a large, well-trained and well-equipped force was engaged in a totally irrelevant contest at a time when every man should have been employed for the defence of his home country.

"It," he says, "instead of clinging desperately to their last finger-holds in the Apennines, the Germans in Italy had been allowed by the Higher Command to order a planned withdrawal to the Alps (and their mastery of the forced withdrawal would have stood them in very good stead in such a manoeuvre) they could have made an immediate contribution to either the Western or Eastern Front of anything up to 20 first-class divisions and still have maintained without difficulty an unbroken defence on the great mountain walls that guard the southern frontier of the Reich."

The record of the comparative casualties tells the same story. On the German side they amounted to 536,000—excluding those who surrendered after the capitulation—while the Allied casualties were 312,000. The difference is that the Germans were always the attackers, Four times that most difficult operation of war, an amphibious landing, was carried out. Three prepared offensives by the full strength of an Army Group were undertaken. And nowhere in Europe did soldiers face more difficult terrain or more determined ad-

versaries.

Right to the bitter end, the Germans in Italy fought with great skill and stubbornness and never flagged. When General Velteling took over command of the Army Group from Kesselring a fortnight before the final Allied offensive, he found, explains the Field-Marshal, "an unbroken force which had not been engaged in any large-scale operations for some three months. His formations were generally from strength and well-trained, and as a fighting unit Army Group C was undoubtedly of greater value than any other comparable body of troops still remaining in Germany."

"He had 23 German and four Italian divisions, plus various minor formations, against an Allied force of 17 divisions and four Italian combat groups plus six armoured and four infantry brigades. In reserve, he had two good mobile divisions which was the exact extent of the mobile reserves. Kesselring found on taking over the Western Front, that his armoured strength was also approximately the same. Above all, his divisions were still divisions, having regard to; as far as I am concerned; of course; all things considered—the omission of such phrases will usually do nothing to impair clarity.

Nevertheless, in any event, taking a broad view, as far as I am in a position to judge, bearing in mind the prevailing conditions, it is as much a matter of fact, desirable, or at any rate useful, perhaps, in many cases, to have a stock of woolly phrases for confusing the issue, should the occasion arise.

But I didn't like having them worked off on me.

DO YOU DIFFER?

YOU and I may fail to agree and I shall conclude that your point of view is different from mine—especially if you tell me that I ought to have written "different to mine."

My preference is for forms of language established by good usage.

Although you can quote respectable authorities for "different to," I shall hold to my opinion that it is customary and therefore proper nowadays to use "different from."

"German morale was, as always, excellent. All the efforts of Allied propaganda had remained fruitless. Even our performed."

How many 'Clutter-words' do you use?

—asks DANIEL GEORGE

IF with ears cocked and eyes peeled, you detect an error in another person's speech or writing, don't allow yourself to feel a glow of self-righteousness.

Ordinary, spontaneous speech is not what we want,"

Similarly, an author may be forgiven a slip or two. But if he regularly falls into errors he will be worth reading.

Our spontaneous, everyday speech is—inevitably and excusably—littered with superfluous words. Because we have not prepared what we are going to say, we are thinking as we speak. Therefore we have recourse to phrases like "sort of" and "what I mean to say."

Writing, also, is cluttered up with unnecessary padding. Unnecessary? Sometimes the writer thinks it necessary. He may be trying to communicate a mood.

But assuming that he has a plain communication to make, he will find if he looks, that he seems to think freedom and liberty are different things. And, car dispense with many clutter, anyhow, he ought to have tiring words and phrases.

BEST SPEECHES

The best speeches are those which have the ring of sincerity. If you hear someone declare: "Freedom and liberty is what we want," don't feel distressed

and say to yourself: "Huh, he plain communication to make,

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anyhow, he ought to have tiring words and phrases.

JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins



WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

Your guide to glamour

By MARILYN MARSHALL

If you were to ask one of the most dazzlingly beautiful women of the theatre for her most precious beauty secret, you'd get a surprising answer—SERENITY!

Serenity, maintains Claire Luce, whose beauty is acclaimed internationally, is the most valuable factor today in any woman's good looks simply because it is the one which has the greatest beneficence on her entire life in these hectic, disturbing times.

Does that smack of philosophy? Well, to quote Miss Luce: "You have to acquire a good, tough philosophy to get along. Learning to control one's mental reactions is, I believe, the first problem to be faced in the irksome business of living."

This is not easy, she admits, but the philosophical approach to trouble can be learned. "When I say 'philosophical', I mean 'acceptance' to a certain extent. I believe very deeply in trying hard for what one wants, but sometimes we fight too hard for things." She is sure that "eventually you'll get the things you truly want."

You, of course, will have to help. But allow a reasonable amount of time, keep working, and don't get wrinkles trying to realize your dreams overnight.

To put this high thinking on a very simple, practicable basis, we'll say you have suddenly decided you must do something about your figure. Miss Luce's



In serenity lies her charm. Lovely Claire Luce refuses to rush, to worry; insists relaxation's the key to good looks.

She suggests you do your calisthenics to music and get in as many stretches as you possibly can manage. Use the back of a straight chair for your practice rail, and hold on to it while you bend sideward and try for those high, side and back kicks. Do the bending and kicking in a slow-motion manner to give your muscles a thorough, but easy stretch.

"But if you do, don't take up strenuous exercises or dieting," Miss Luce is a great disbeliever in the strenuous. She did a great deal of ballet work, and still does, and thinks it has no match for giving a gracefully-proportioned figure. "Of course, there is a lot of stretching in all ballet," she observes, "and there is the lift one gets from the music."

An exercise of which Miss Luce does heartily approve is this simple one: Lie on your back on the floor, arms out at sides, knees flexed, and feet on floor close to hips with toes pointed to arch the feet. Keep small of back flat against floor and toes pointed as you slowly slide the feet down on the floor. "This gives the body a terrific stretch," says she.

Cat lovers should have no difficulty in devising their own stretchers, Miss Luce adds. "Just study the lovely, lazy, lithe movements of a cat and you can work out an entire programme of exercise!"

What about weight control? That's something else to be learned! If you learn to like the foods which are not fattening, you don't have to worry about fat!

SPRING BECOMES A REALITY

What You Will Wear In 1952



Dress and matching bolero with all-over embroidery

By Dorothy Barkley

METAPHORICALLY speaking, spring has come in Park Lane. Flowers, garden umbrellas, and gaily painted background scenery decorated the first showing of cotton and linen dresses recently. 1952 spring was almost a reality, when eight of London's top models showed the dresses with the usual paraphernalia of shrimping nets, beach balls and tennis rackets.

Hongkong in mind

The overseas customer from China to Peru is receiving special attention. The "Moygashe" group of designers, who export to places all over the world, including Trinidad, the Bahamas, Hongkong, Sydney, Auckland and South America, show tropical-weight suiting, two-piece sun-dresses and specially designed prints.

For example, prints for South America have gay, colourful patterns of sombrero'd spaniards against a background of sambas, ship and sea. And the applique embroidery, so popular in South America, is shown in the form of white ears of corn on blue dresses; forming a border round the hem of a full skirt to emphasise its fullness, or as scrolls on the lapels of the jacket.

The bolero is this season's most important accessory for everything from cotton dresses to dinner gowns. A good choice for evening is white linen, decorated with black jet embroidery.

New ideas for sportswear include knee-length shorts with turn-ups. We like a pair in lime-green, with a polka-dotted scarf tucked at the waist. Neat linen blouses to go with them have unusual tucking on the bodice in a cable design. For tennis, dresses with short, flared skirts have scalloping round the shawl collar and the skirt hem.

Many of these moygashe fabrics are crease-resisting. One word of warning about them. Don't attempt to dye them or have them dyed: the result may be patchy.



AT LEFT: Cool suit in "Moygashe," with slim skirt, three-quarter sleeves, and piping on collar, cuffs and pockets.

AT RIGHT: Jeans-and-coolie-jacket outfit in black and white.

ON CHOOSING A HAT

How about your hats and variations of our old friend, the beret? Are they nice and chummy, do they get along that seems to have been designed for it, you are out of luck.

We have all kinds of coiffures from which to choose, all kinds of hats. Straight hair, curly locks. Ugly tresses will charm almost to the crown, tendrils, short crops. No standardised style and that is just dandy. In hats, you can go wild or you can get them of postage stamp size to post upon your dome like an ornamental saucer made of zaffire. There are sailors and

The indispensables

Planning a wardrobe for beaches or holidays? The "transformation" dress and the jeans-and-coolie-jacket outfit are the indispensables.

The hat is probably the most important item in the wardrobe as far as style is concerned. A poor selection will make the observer overlook a charming frock. When selecting a hat, take a careful view of your profile, note what it does to the back of your head.

Up-to-the-minute clothes

Materials? If you choose straw, velvet or satin, with ostrich feather side trimming, you'll be right up to the minute. And the colour? Kingfisher blue, springbok green (a shade of sage green); and Canberra red, in honour of Princess Elizabeth's forthcoming visit to Australia.

The Season's Choices



Two excellent selections.

By VERA WINSTON

Shopping for a new blouse is a major delight. Never was there such generous variety for all occasions and uses, at such a wide price range. With this report out of the way, let's concentrate on a new couple. First is a dressmaker type blouse of oxford gray rayon crepe with black velvet outlining the pretty neckline and at the cuffs. Two jewelled buttons are on either side of the neck. The second blouse is of white rayon crepe with a crisp look. It features a double row of scalloped embroidery at the neck interspersed with daintily embroidered flowers in white.

A CURE FOR THE BOW-LEGGED BABY

What causes bow-legs in a baby? It is natural for the young baby's legs to be somewhat bowed; after a child begins to walk, the legs usually straighten out. However, if he is rachitic when he begins to walk, the legs will become more bowed.

It is necessary for the child to have three teaspoonsfuls of cod-liver oil each day and, whenever possible, a sun-bath with most of the clothing removed so that the rays of the sun fall directly on the bare skin. This should not be neglected, since every child is subject to rickets unless given cod-liver oil, sunbath, and foods containing plenty of lime and phosphorus, such as milk and vegetables.

If the baby gets these things, he will have strong bones, straight legs, as well as sound, healthy teeth.

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MR Henry McKenzie Adam and Miss Margaret Dick Denovan, whose wedding took place at the Hongkong Union Church last Saturday, photographed with other members of the bridal party. (Staff Photographer)



THE only Army softball team in the Colony is the 35 Bantams, of the 25th Field Regiment, RA. Although the team was formed only in September, it is already showing great promise. (Ross Miller)



THE new Governor of Macao, Captain Joaquin Marques Esparteiro, with Senhora Esparteiro and their daughter, on their arrival here by the President Cleveland last week. (Staff Photographer)



PRESENTATION from the staff of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. to Mr J. J. Cameron on his retirement. From left: Mrs Silva, Mrs Carruthers, Mr Cameron, Mrs Williams, Mr F. C. Barry and Mr Mok Hoi. (Victor)



TUG of war event at the annual athletic sports of the Kowloon Wah Yan College, held at King's Park, last week. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Owner and jockey of High Speed, which won the St. Andrew's Stakes at last week's races at Happy Valley. Mr Li Fook-wo is seen with the trophy presented by St. Andrew's Society. The jockey is Mr A. Ostroumoff. (Staff Photographer)



MR Alexander Wong and Miss Veronica Mok with their attendants after their wedding at the Registry last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



TEACHERS and students of St. Mary's School distributing money, clothes and other articles to the homeless victims of the Tung Tau Village fire, which razed hundreds of huts. (Mainland Studio)



PICTURE taken at a farewell dinner given in honour of Professor S. M. Banfill by final year medical students of the Hongkong University. Prof. Banfill is going to McGill University, Canada. (Ming Yuen)



HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, taking the salute as units of the Hongkong Police Force march past at the annual parade. The event took place on Wednesday. (Staff Photographer)

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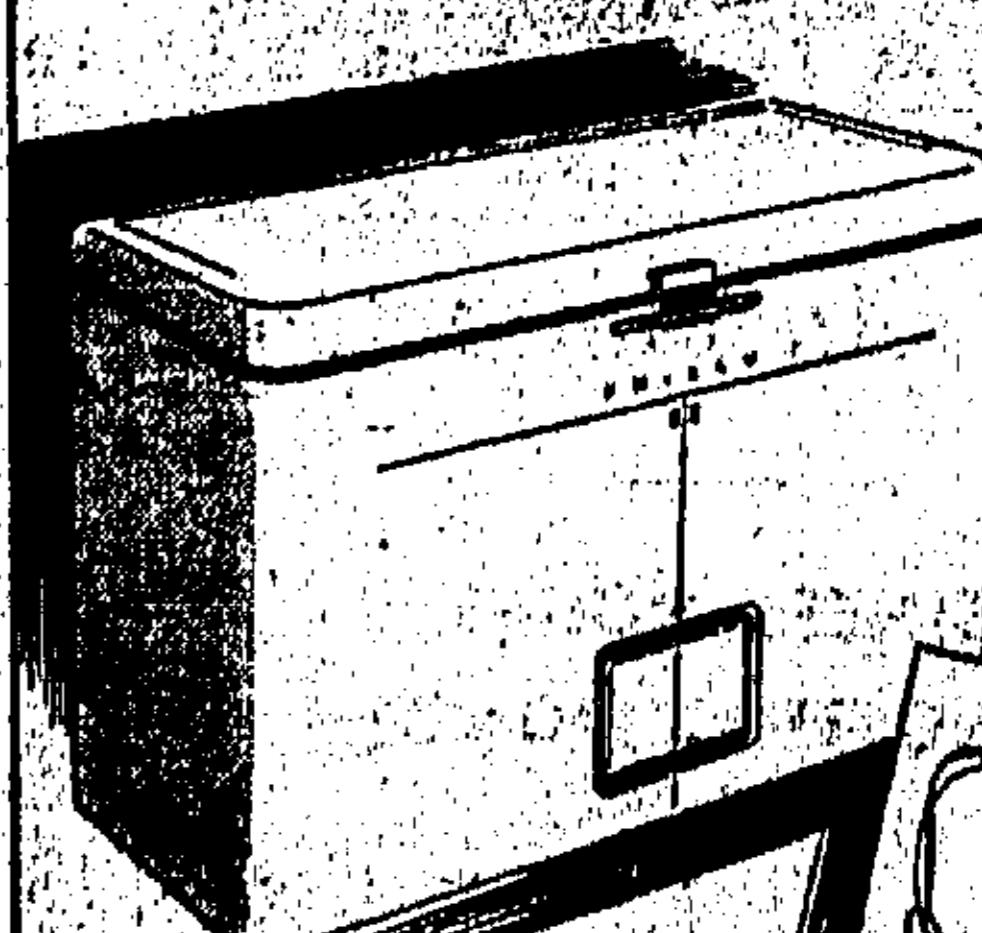
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SMILING happily after their wedding, Mr Carlos Xavier and his bride, the former Miss Helen Britto, pose for photographs with their attendants on the steps of the Rosary Church. (Ming Yuen)



THE Swedish Red Cross team which passed through Hong-kong this week en route to Korea, where it will work for six months before returning home. The team consists of 16 members, including two women. Picture was taken at Kai Tak on the group's arrival. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken on the occasion of the christening of Elizabeth Ross, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs J. M. McDonald, which took place at St Andrew's Church last Sunday. (Jimmy Foo)



SOME idea of the extensive range of articles on display at the Boys and Girls Clubs Association sale of handicraft may be gained from this photograph. The sale was held at the War Memorial Centre in Wan Chai. (Staff Photographer)



MR and Mrs A. M. Mitchell and friends pose for a group photograph after the christening of their ten weeks old son, Ian James, at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



THE Rev. Harvey McAllister (seated in centre), who has made a reputation as a faith healer, was guest of honour at a farewell party given by Mr and Mrs Albert H. K. Lam at their residence in Kowloon recently. (Willie's Inc.)



RIGHT: Mr Chan Leung-kui and Miss Yu Yuk-ching, who were married recently at the Registry. (Mainland Studio)



GROUP picture taken at St John's Cathedral last Sunday on the occasion of the christening of Mary Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. A. Whitney. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken at the Rosary Church after the wedding of Mr Lam Ting-kuen and Miss Leung Kwai-lin. (Mayfair)



RIGHT: Form V students of the Diocesan Girls' School. (Mainland Studio)

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MAJOR Alexander Gordon Swan Edger and Miss Helene Marie Boullemand, who were married at St Andrew's Church recently. (Mainland Studio)



MR. Lee Chun-yan and Miss Kwan Kim-hing, whose marriage took place at the Registry recently. (Peter Tee)

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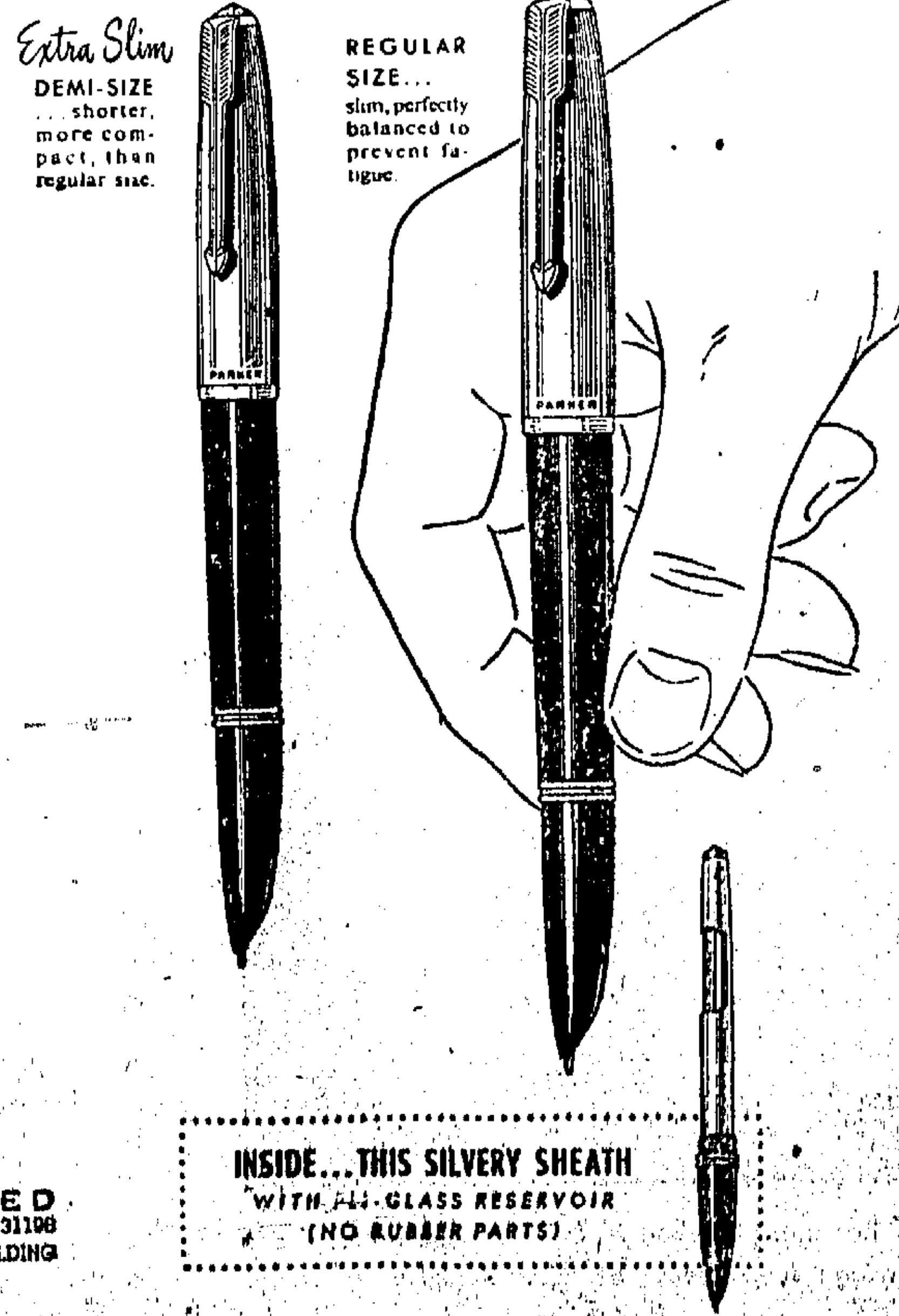
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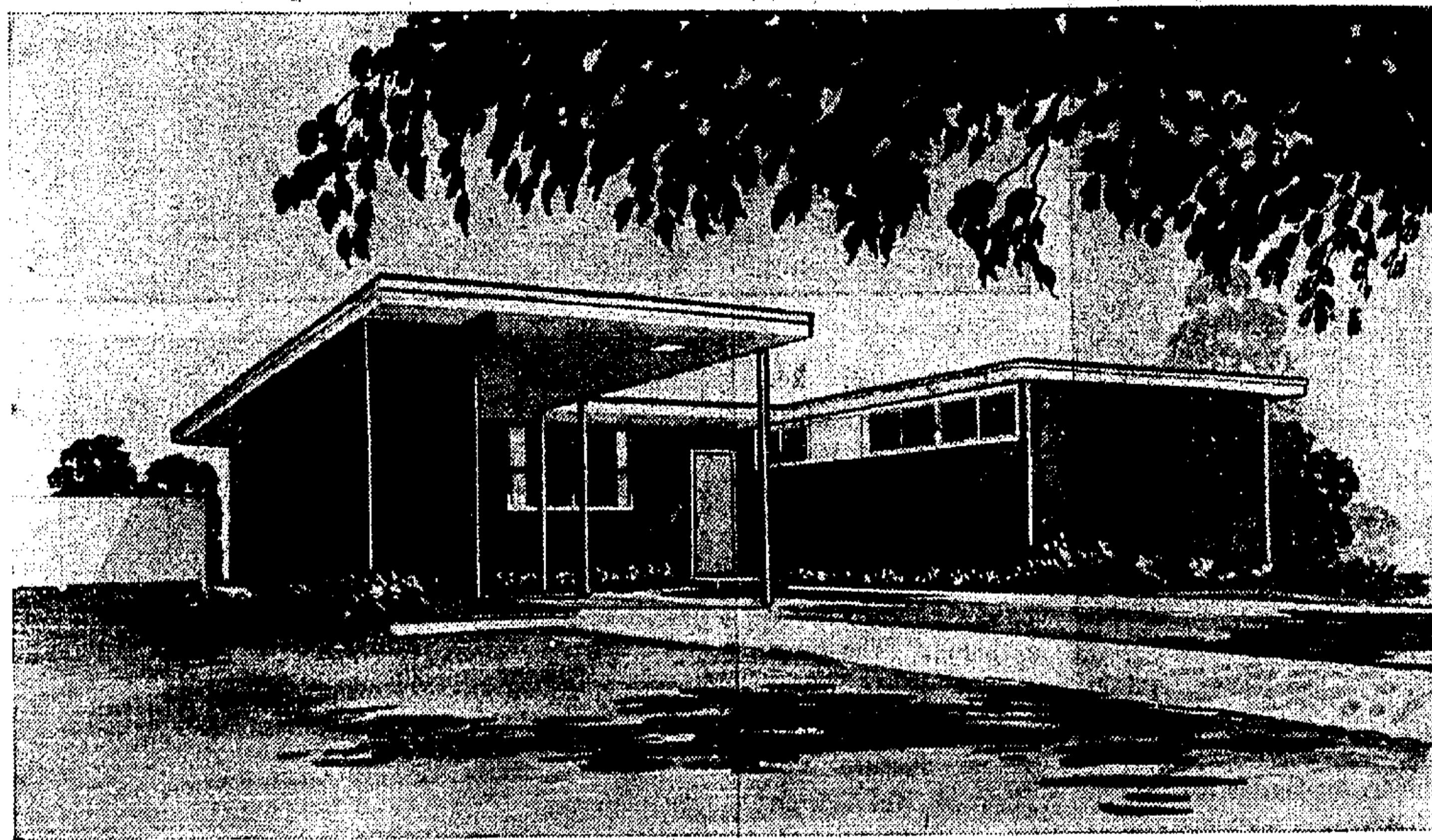
By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

A GOOD cook knows that you can make two recipes, each featuring the same basic ingredient and the results will be two widely different dishes.

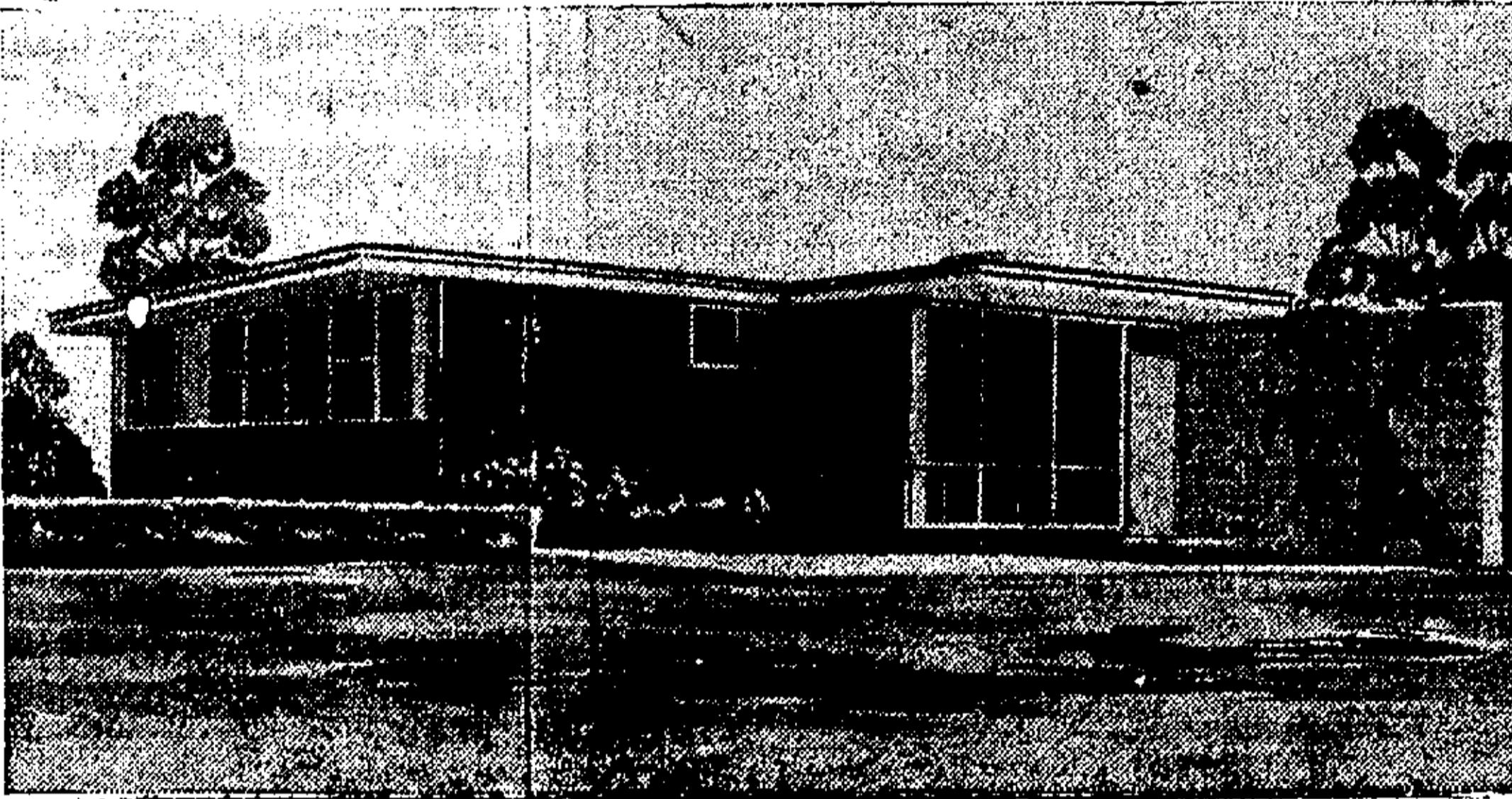
That's the idea behind the "room unit" houses described in "Contemporary Homes," a booklet published by the University of Illinois.

Today's house, taken from this publication, shows how the idea works. Each house described in the book is made up of four "room units." Each house features the same main unit—a living-dining area. When other room units are added to each, the finished houses are completely different in design.

These plans utilize only seven of the numerous "room units."

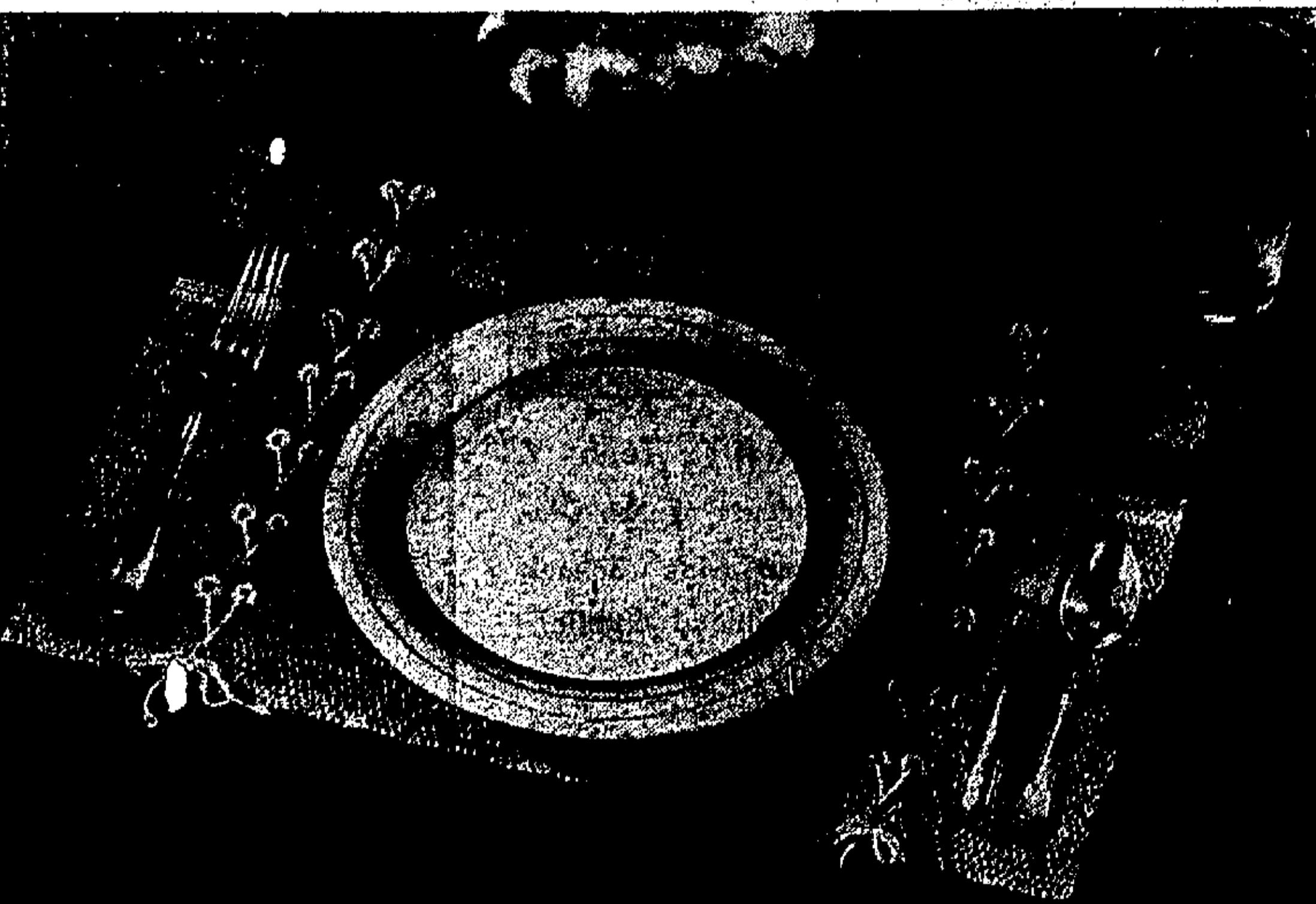


THIS IS ONE of the "room unit" houses described in "Contemporary Homes," a book which is published by the University of Illinois. By using a flat roof on the house as well as on the garage, a feeling of harmony is achieved. Note the U-shape of the front of the house.



THE REAR view of the house above shows how indoors and outdoors have been linked through the glass wall of the living room, which provides a delightful view of the spacious terrace and the garden area.

HOME needlecraft



"Deep Sea" Luncheon Set

NEW and different are the mats which comprise this unusual luncheon set, since they are made in panels of contrasting colour and laced together with broided cord. Delightful for use in your own home or for that "special" gift (like Christmas).

ABBREVIATIONS

st (s) ... stitch (es) d c ... double crochet
yo ... yarn over tr ... treble crochet
ch ... chain sp ... space
sc ... single crochet rpt ... repeat

... this symbol indicates the direction immediately following one to be repeated a given number of times in addition to the original.

This set consists of 4 mats, each approximately 12 inches by 18 inches.

MATERIALS: BUCILLA Twinkle-Sheen; Main Colour (A): 18 balls, Contrasting Colour (B): 2 balls, Magnolia No. 71 (O): 2 balls. BUCILLA Steel Crochet Hook, Size 9.

GAUGE: 1 Puff = 1 inch. 6 Puffs = 1 inch MAT—Centre Panel: With A, ch 45. ROW 1—Work a Puff in 5th ch from hook as

follows: yo, draw up a loop in st, yo, draw up a 2nd loop in same st, yo, draw through all 5 loops on hook, ch 1 (a Puff made), * skip next ch on foundation ch, a Puff in next ch; rpt from * across, 1 dc in same ch as last Puff made (66 Puffs). ROW 2—Ch 3, turn, skip dc and next Puff, work a Puff in each sp between Puffs across and a Puff under turning ch, 1 dc in same sp as last Puff (66 Puffs). Rpt row 2 until 48 rows are completed. Fasten off. Attach C and work in pattern for 4 rows. Fasten off. Attach B and work in pattern for 8 rows. Fasten off. Attach A and work for 12 rows. Fasten off.

SIDE PANELS (Make 2): With A, ch 45 and work as for Centre Panel, only there will be 21 Puffs instead of 66 Puffs.

EYELETS (Make 32): With C, ch 7, join (with skip st) into ring, ch 1, 17 sc in ring, join in first st, fasten off.

CORD (Make 2): With C, ch desired length, slip st in each ch across, fasten off.

FINISHING: Arrange Panel and Side Panels in place, as illustrated. Lace Panels together by weaving Cord through centre of Eyelets and also through crocheted piece and tie a bow at bottom of each panel.

Vegetables Can Be Kept Fresh For A Year

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

American scientists are experimenting with a new chemical spray that may keep vegetables fresh for a year or more, the farm magazine Country Gentleman reports.

The spray is called maleic hydrazide (MH).

Successful

Horticulturists at Michigan State College (East Lansing, Michigan) have made successful tests with the spray on onions, potatoes, beets, carrots, parsnips, and rutabagas. It will take another year, however, before conclusive evidence is obtained as to the lasting effects of the chemical, according to the U.S. Department of agriculture. The chemical is currently being manufactured for experimental purposes only.

Maleic hydrazide is sprayed on the tuber crops several weeks before harvest time. The treatment arrests growth of the plants, but does not affect the crop yield. When the crops are harvested and stored there is no sprouting—a condition that often causes spoilage. Danger of spoilage from heat generated by stored vegetables also is stopped by use of MH. It slows respiration within the plant itself and lowers the temperature.

Flavour Unchanged

Every living process in the plants is slowed down, but flavour and firmness of the vegetables are retained. The crops used in the Michigan State College experiments were eaten after being stored for a year, and no change in flavour or odour was noted. Cooking quality was found to be superior to that of untreated vegetables.

Commercial sugar beet growers are especially interested in the chemical spray, since it has been found that beets do not lose much sugar after being treated with MH and stored. Treated beets lost less than one percent of their total sugar content, while untreated beets lost more than 13 percent. MH also is being tested on sweet corn and peas. Both lose their quality quickly after harvesting and require rapid handling by packers. Scientists believe MH may stop this deterioration.

Fluorine In Water Cuts Down Tooth Decay

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE role of fluorine in preventing tooth decay, discovered a few years ago, has been confirmed.

Some of these investigations were made in communities where this substance occurs naturally in the drinking water. These findings were so impressive that in 1943 it was decided to see what could be accomplished by adding fluorine to the water supply.

Sodium Fluoride

Two cities of approximately the same size and with the same general conditions, such as climate, were picked for the experiment. Sodium fluoride was added to the drinking water supply of the one, while the other went on as it had always been done with its fluoride-free water.

The proportion of cavities in permanent teeth had decreased from 21 per hundred before fluoride was added to the water to 14.8 per hundred at the time of the most recent survey. In the city not receiving the sodium fluoride, the rate remained 21.3 per hundred. This represents a saving of 6.5 permanent teeth per hundred in the city using the sodium fluoride in the drinking water. The greatest benefit from the fluoride-treated water occurred in the younger age groups.

Careful Observation

These tests show that the addition of sodium fluoride to the water supply may benefit the people of a community. We have never obtained evidence of naturally occurring fluoride with any bad effects. Nevertheless, careful observations of children receiving this drinking water should continue. Many studies along this line are being conducted.

WHY EGYPT IS AFLAME

By the RT. HON. LORD KILLEARN
P.C., G.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O.

British Ambassador to Egypt and High Commissioner
for the Sudan from 1936 to 1946

WHY have we come to such an impasse that Egypt appears to stand on the very verge of conflict with Great Britain?

I have played some part in shaping Egyptian affairs. So it may be of value if I present the problem as I see it.

I well remember my arrival in Cairo as High Commissioner in 1933. At that time the Wafd, the Nationalist Party, were denied a voice in the Government, and were under a cloud, although they had a very large following in the country.

At party

IT seemed a sensible move to give a garden party to which I asked all political parties with the object of getting to grips with the local situation and the various personalities.

The late King Fuad expressed pitying surprise that anyone should be so naive as to think that British methods of mixing all parties, even on a social occasion and on the neutral British Residency lawn, could achieve results in Egypt.

Nevertheless, the party was reasonably successful. There I met for the first time Nahas Pasha, leader of

Tu'i Malila Lives On

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, Nov. 29. TU'I Malila, tortoise presented to a Tongan chief by Captain Cook in 1777, still lives in the grounds of Queen Salote's palace at Nuku'alofa, Tonga. Survivor of a lorry accident and a bush fire, it still receives the customary presentations of food at important festivals.

Tu'i Malila has a paragraph to itself in "Introducing the British Pacific Islands", just published.

Here, in some 100 pages, nearly every one of which is illustrated with photographs and engravings, is told the story of the "islands in loneliness," home of nearly 500,000 people, more than half of whom live in the Colony of Fiji.

Over 200 inches of rain fall each year in some of the mountainous islands, while the low coral atolls may be quite dry.

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Fiji is one of the world's greatest coral regions and the reefs measure thousands of miles. Some grow upwards at the rate of one-and-a-half inches each year, adding to the beauty of the coral "gardens" set in the blue lagoons.

Here, on islands where the coconut grows in abundance, one hears the "piggin English" which, among the Melanesian peoples, has produced such expressions as "grass belong face" (meaning whiskers), "lump belong Jesus" (sun), "basket belong trousers" (pockets), "paper talk" (a letter) and "bulumakau banana" (sausage).

"Introducing the British Pacific Islands" has hundreds of fascinating stories to tell in miniature; of the cutting of a two-mile-long canal, 60 feet wide, for which the implements were "slaves to dig the ground, hands to shovel it up, and baskets to carry it away"; of Tonga's ancient royal burial grounds where there are mounds topped with 20-foot-high terraces of stone; of Fiji's record gold mining exports of Pitcairn Island and the story of firewalkers and of roast pig, delicacy of Island feasts.

The Wafists and Prime Minister today.

The outstanding problem was the vexed question of treaty negotiation between Egypt and Britain. We wanted to leave Egypt free to arrange her own destiny while at the same time making adequate provision for the security of imperial communications through the Suez Canal.

It was about this time that Italy invaded Abyssinia, Egypt's southern neighbour, and Egypt was apprehensive about what Mussolini's appetite for conquest might mean to her.

It was not long before we were sounded on the possibilities of reopening treaty discussions. The initiative came from Nahas Pasha himself, who is now so glibly denouncing the treaty.

I had no hesitation in commending the proposal to the Foreign Secretary in London, then, as now, Mr. Anthony Eden.

It seemed so clearly important in the event of another world war that we should have a friendly and not, as last time, an unfriendly Egypt to count upon as a base.

Co-operated

OUR Government agreed, and so came the treaty of 1936, which sanctions the maintenance of British Forces on the Canal, and about which there is now all this trouble.

It is only fair to remember that the treaty served its purpose well during the war, and that the Egyptians were most co-operative.

None the less, it was a surprise to all of us that she did not at once declare war on our side. Looking back, I think her neutrality was probably a blessing for, though not juridically at war as our ally, Egypt put all her resources, short of taking the field, at our disposal, as provided by the treaty.

We certainly owe a debt of gratitude to Nahas Pasha for his courageous attitude when Rommel was at the gates of Cairo. He arrested Fifth Columnists and doubtful elements. While other officials fled, he stayed on with me to see things through.

It is a tragedy that Nahas is now tearing up the treaty which he initiated and signed in common with all Egyptian political parties. As an admirer of Egypt and her people I am profoundly distressed at what has happened.

In earlier days it was possible to argue out problems and difficulties in an atmosphere of mutual helpfulness and understanding so that head-on collisions could be avoided by judi-

cious preliminary talks and the customary process of give and take.

That is the essence of successful diplomacy. One wonders what can have gone wrong to lead to the present crisis and can only suppose that the Egyptians have changed their methods and failed to respond to friendly overtures.

Deadlock

SO we have arrived at the present deplorable deadlock.

We in Britain certainly have no intention, whatever of upsetting or impairing Egyptian sovereignty. We respect any nation jealous of its sovereign rights. Nahas Pasha's Government must know this.

But there is a limit. One's word should be one's bond, and especially when so freely given and on one's own initiative as it was over the treaty.

It follows in my view that our Government are absolutely right to firm over the uncontested treaty provisions regarding the Canal Zone and the Sudan.

Naturally, we are always ready to resume talks if they are unaccompanied by threats and attempts at intimidation.

It gives satisfaction to read that the British High Command make it clear beyond all shadow of doubt that they intend to stand firm. Fairness with firmness is the right principle.

To ensure this there must be complete support from London and our soldiers on the spot are receiving in full measure.

Concession from strength often is desirable; concession from weakness is fatal.

It is, of course, so much easier to follow this admirable precept if you know you are acting with the full backing of your Government and the full might of the Empire behind you.

I was lucky in both these respects when the war reached the Western Desert.

Our hope

IN the postwar world circumstances have materially altered for us, and it can hardly be contested that British prestige has sunk deplorably low as a result.

Constitutional developments in the Empire, the loosening of our anchor-hold in the Middle East, the humiliating turn of events in Persia, the continuing violence in Malaya, the tragedy of China going Communist—all these things have inevitably weakened our position.

Nothing but the firmest hand and most clear-sighted statesmanship can provide the remedy. In Mr Churchill's sagacity and wide-world authority, coupled with the skill, touch, and experience of our present Foreign Secretary, lies our hope.

Do not let us be too despondent. Always let us remember that the choice should not seem so difficult.

that right at the top of the credit side stands Anglo-American partnership, which is the key to everything.

Why is Egypt afire? It is a case of nationalism run wild. This nationalism in its origin may possibly have been worked up to distract attention from home abuses. It has always been the fashion to blame the "brutal" British when something has gone wrong internally.

In this Egyptian drama the palace in Cairo must in the nature of things play a dominant role. Much must depend on the personality of the sovereign.

In the course of my duties I had the privilege of seeing King Farouk often. I knew him as the young Crown Prince, and was there when he ascended the throne in 1936 at the age of 16 on the death of his father. Thus I have watched his development from youth to full-fledged monarch of his country.

Offended

HE has great personal charm and intelligence. Although he has been hurt by unfortunate incidents which everybody would have preferred to avoid, I believe he has the vision and statesmanship to realise that a clash between Britain and Egypt can only harm both countries and impede world progress.

It is too much to hope, therefore, that even at this late hour he will see his way to curb the activities of his more extreme supporters.

I am heartened to note that as far as reports go the Egyptian Army has not yet been involved in any incidents, for the army has normally been a steady influence and loyal to the king.

Meanwhile it is excellent news that the four Powers—Britain, America, France, and Turkey—are going ahead with the establishment of the proposed Middle East Command under our Empire behind you.

Surely Egypt was singularly ill-advised to throw out the invitation to join this important regional command after such scant consideration.

I should think it very doubtful that the adjacent Arab States wholeheartedly endorse that summary rejection. These States have not been impressed by Egypt's handling of Middle East matters for some time past.

It may well be that Egypt's out-of-hand rejection of the invitation may react on her aspiration to be the leader of the Arab League.

Crossroads

EGYPT stands now at the parting of the ways. Will she throw in her fate with the West, who have invited her full partnership? Or will she deliberately turn her back on a world which is striving to build up an enlightened system of life for all peace-loving peoples?

The choice should not seem so difficult.



NAHAS PASHA MR. EDEN LORD KILLEARN
A smile covers the face of Nahas Pasha. But that was 15 years ago when he went to London to sign the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936. Then, as now, he was Prime Minister, though in that 15 years he has known political exile. Then, also, Mr. Eden was Foreign Secretary, as he is today. And he, too, has known the political wilderness.

SNOOPING WOMEN ARE WANTED

By Vivian Sande

NEW YORK.
WANTED—snooping women. An expert says women make better than average detectives, yet few women go into the field.

There are a surprising number of advertisements in the women's help wanted columns these days that read, "detectives wanted," but there are not enough trained women detectives to answer them.

There are several reasons for this, according to mild-mannered Dr. Paul J. Conroy, executive director of the New York Institute of Criminology, one of the two schools in the country licensed to teach scientific investigation in all its branches.

"First," said the doctor, "the general public doesn't realize the constantly increasing need that exists for women skilled in investigation.

"Second," he added, "it's not easy to become an investigator. Detectives get their training in federal government service, a sheriff's office, or a city police department. You don't find many women in those fields."

NO DERRING-DO

"And third," he admitted, "many women think of private investigation work as involving the kind of derring-do you associate with private eyes in the movies and radio mystery stories."

Dr. Conroy went on to point out that today investigation in one form or another enters into nearly every phase of business, industry or government, and most of it is active but not dangerous work.

"This is one business," said Dr. Conroy with just a touch of levity, "where a woman can be proud of being a good snooper."

He said: "Almost every insurance and finance company now employs operatives to investigate claims, character and credit references. There are investigation jobs in hotels, department stores, chain stores and other sales organisations. And of course in defence plants, government agencies and the CID."

"Women," said Dr. Conroy, "especially are needed, women of all sizes, and types."

He said the only requirements are that the woman be intelligent, industrious and serious about the work. And judging by the records made by women in his own school, Dr. Conroy is convinced that women make better than average detectives.

GLAMOUR TYPE TOO

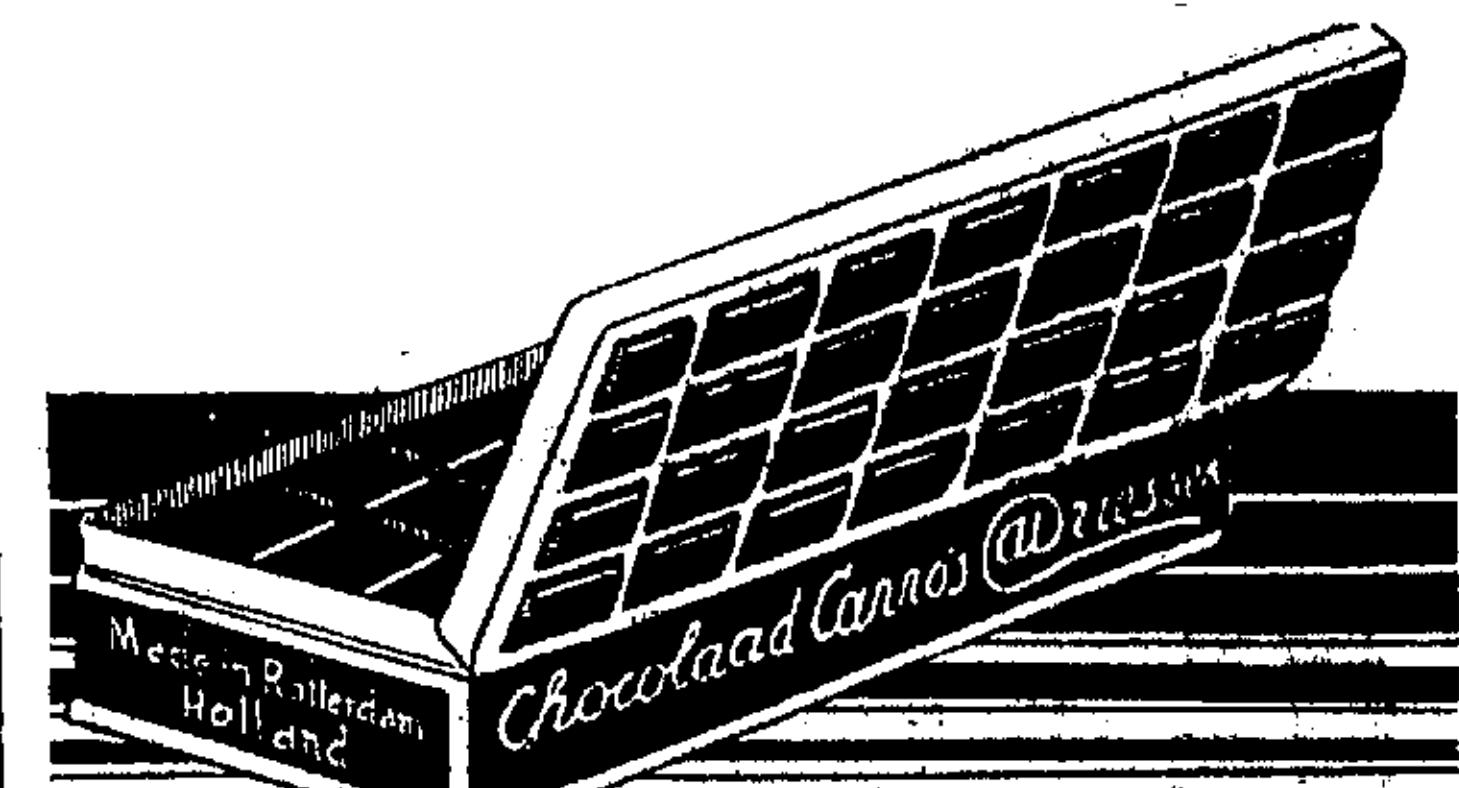
He said that out of the 360 students who have attended the school since its inception two years ago, only five have been women, but they all have ranked high in theory of detection and practice.

Dr. Conroy said women especially are needed to serve as investigators in factories, screening defence workers. They are particularly suited, too, for cases that call for shadowing other women, and in cases where "plants" should be waitresses or maids, or the kind of glamour girl who can strike up an acquaintance with a man in a night club.

Dr. Conroy estimated that there probably are between 25,000 and 30,000 jobs open now for women detectives throughout the country, and many of those jobs will go begging for some time for qualified personnel.

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OPERATION HOT-WATER-BOTTLE

... but the families from Egypt
take it all in their stride

HERE has been a run on hot-water bottles here during the past few days, and this coming week it is likely to be stepped up as the RAF's PTC 23 swings into full action.

PTC 23 (the initials stands for Personal Transit Centre) is one of the organisations set up to take care of the wives and children of RAF and Army men who have been evacuated from the Canal Zone.

And the first thing that wives find they want, after coming from Egypt's warmth, is a hot-water bottle. NAAFI have noted the fact, and will not again have to knock up local chemists for supplies on a Sunday, as they did when the first party of evacuees arrived.

This week there will not be, as in the past, occasional aeroplane loads of evacuees coming in. "Operation Hot-water Bottle" is now in full swing, and one aeroplane load a day is arriving.

PTC 23 is housed in a red-brick promenade hotel, with a "For sale" notice in one of its windows on Blackpool's North Shore. It is staffed by 70 RAF and Army personnel hand picked for their human approach to life.

It is predominantly RAF, and the CO is a wing commander, a former Path-

MR NIGEL BIRCH, Under-Secretary for Air, announced in the Commons that the partial evacuation of Service families is being made from the Canal Zone. Four thousand women and children are being brought back by sea and air before the end of the year.

The Air Ministry are responsible for air transport arrangements, and for arranging accommodation in Blackpool. They have received, said Mr Birch, generous co-operation from everyone in the town.

What is happening in Blackpool? Here is a report

by ROBERT KINGSLEY

Pictures by VICTOR DREES

finder with the DFC named E. F. Nind.

Wing Commander Nind, married and father of a five-year-old daughter, was stationed in South Wales when he got his orders to go to Blackpool. He had just been reading about the evacuation and pitying colleagues in Egypt for the work it would involve.

Next thing, he found himself at the receiving end of it all. And already in Blackpool he seems to have

High-chairs free

At a private hotel just off the sea front, we found 10 wives and 17 children. Mrs Nora Ditchfield, the proprietress, said:

"They're really settled themselves in wonderfully; they've been very good."

The RAF have provided free high-chairs for infants, and Mrs Ditchfield's five-year-old daughter Sheila had made the visitors free of her rocking horse and other toys.

The visitors get three meals a day—breakfast, luncheon, and high tea at five; and the house was quiet. Mrs Ditchfield said, by about seven in the evening.

While we were there the children gave to everything an atmosphere of holiday, while their mothers patiently wrestled with large civilian buff forms relating to family allowances.

In Egypt they received colonial allowances, which in the case of the flight-surgeon's wife I spoke to, added up to a total net income of £82 a month.

What they miss

The wives missed first their husbands, secondly the sunshine. They had seen little of Blackpool's shops but the price tags they saw made them think the RAF ought to arrange a special Blackpool allowance.

They were all excited at being able to get fresh milk instead of tinned for their children.

The children seemed mostly to miss bathing. They looked at the mississippis lapping Blackpool's promenade, decided the water was much the same article as they had known in the Bitter Lakes in Egypt and wanted to bathe despite the November temperature.

Were things getting difficult for wives in Egypt? "Well there was an unpleasant atmosphere that you could feel wherever you went," said Mrs Eileen Heath, of Barnet, who has brought Jane (three) and John (18 months) home. "That seemed to be the view of most."

I left with the impression that the wives from Kabrit (Bitter Lakes) were still muddled up in half-drawn curtains in their houses, and children who answered the door in the municipality and the RAF families receive 10s. a day for adults and children over three,

3s. a day for babies. Already quarters have been prepared for 2,000 other ranks and 600 officers' families.

Mediterranean cruise

But if PTC 23 is taking the operation very much in its stride, so too are the wives. Some that we had hardly got to Egypt before they were sent home; some had been there long enough to grow roots. None seemed to think it anything out of the way to have had to bring a family of say three children under ten on a two-day aeroplane-train-coach trip after being given only a few hours' notice to leave. We did not encounter one grumbler.

I met Mrs E. P. Fryett, of Hastings, recently of Ismailia. Mrs Fryett, wife of a flight-sergeant, had already caught a cold. She brought her children, David (12), Peter (10) and Linette (5) home by ship.

"Quite the Mediterranean cruise," she said. "We called at Naples, Marseilles and Gibraltar."

But it was only a week or two ago that she was peering through the shutters of her own flat watching an Egyptian mob burning furniture dragged out of the homes of neighbours.

Now her main anxiety is about David's schooling. He was at a boarding school in Cairo and loved it. He does not like the idleness forced on him here while a place is being found for him in a grammar school.

David may take longer to place than other children. Thanks to the help given locally most children are being fitted into schools within two days of their arrival, some of them consider that the organisation in this respect is better than it need be.

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A FIRST NOVEL

By A Man Who May Be Pope

THE FOUNDLING (Hutton, 9s. 6d.) is a first novel by Cardinal Francis Spellman, of New York, who many Americans believe might well be the next Pope.

Strachey writes like an angel, but an angel who has force-landed in a community of crackpots at a country house party.

There is Ned Moon, boasting that he is a happy and integrated man, yet transformed into a man bomb site as soon as the intellectual Marina, his colleague's wife, detonates in the rural peace of Flitchcombe.

There is Marina's husband — Aron—plump and swarthy, with great giggle eyes, and his arms always held out in a dance. And giddy children. One is called "Co-Co."

The self-importance, the attitude, the pride. "As he drank his first cup of tea he caught sight of himself in the dressing-table mirror... But what was that leprosy—a kind of phosphorescent mould on his head, above his left ear? He paused, started, tencup in air, and stared.

Jolly, Hateful

"It was merely the greying patch over his temple, of course... But it looked dreadfully like what it was; the place upon which a supernatural finger had been laid, under whose steel touch the warmth of life fled, never to return."

In the strenuous, jolly, and hateful proceedings of a house party at the Manor, Aron seems likely to be a deceived husband. But he avoids that fate because Ned, for all his inner commotion, hardly makes a pass at Marina.

The disintegrated Ned runs out on her, bleating angrily. "All this bother! Ruination!" The excitement ends, like the world in T. S. Eliot's *Wasteland*. Gwen, another girl in the gallimaufry, is described as "tangled, defected, and wet." Do I borrow these labels and apply them to Miss Strachey's tale? I abstain. There is a saving malice in Miss Strachey's examination of these Dips.

This book offers few diluted with disillusion.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

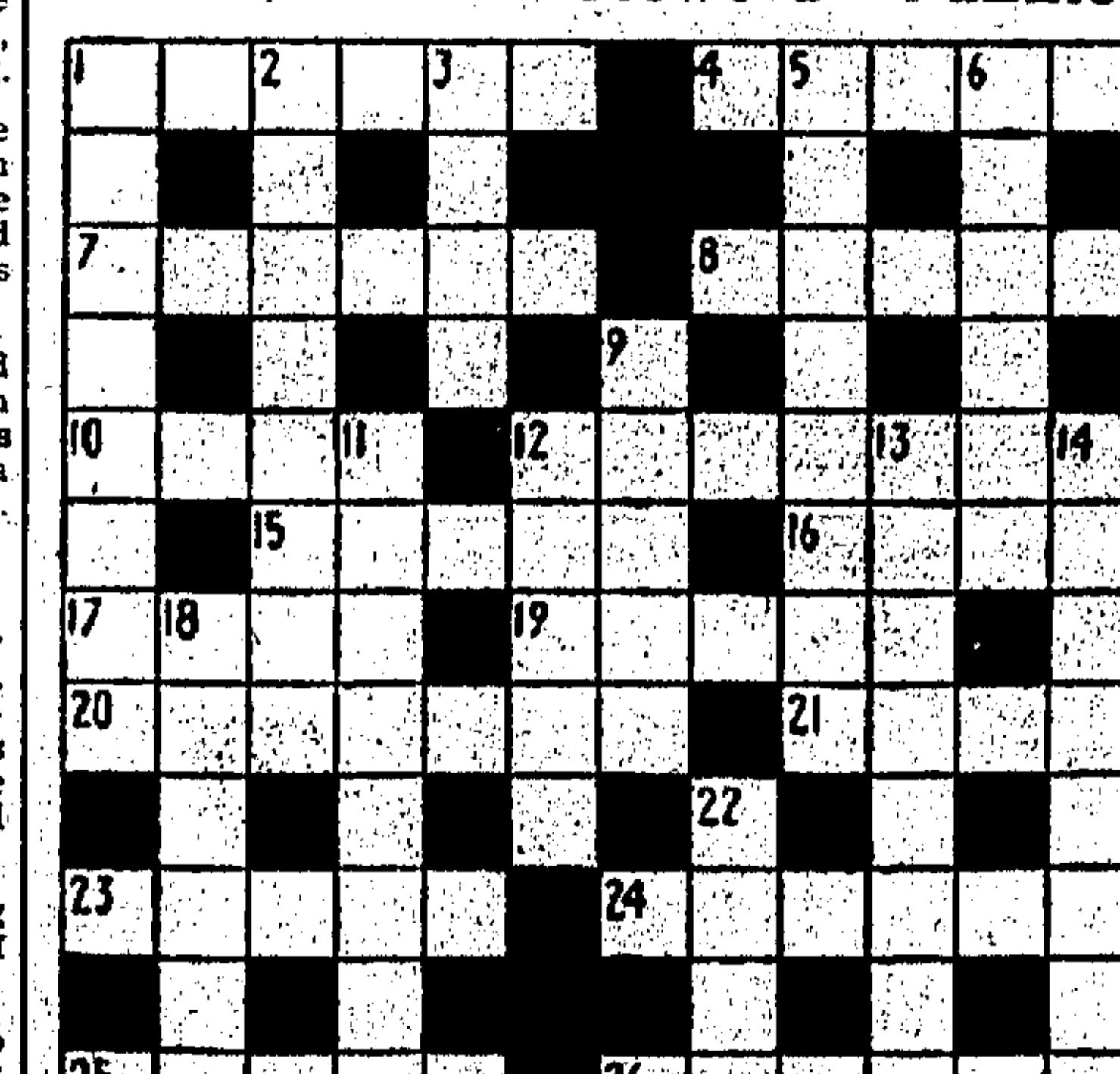
Shooting On The Fly

A FRIEND of ours came round the other day to ask about taking pictures from the air. He was flying to New York, and wanted to shoot some black-and-white pictures en route but wondered about the technique.

Inasmuch as he—like most of the rest of us—does not own an aerial camera, his first question was about cameras. "Can I use an ordinary camera for making shots from an airliner?" he asked.

We told him that he could, adding that while box cameras results are risky, but sometimes

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Constraint (6)
- Comic (6)
- Give up office (6)
- Wise (4)
- Part of a car (6)
- Hang about (6)
- Beauty (6)
- Asserted positively (6)
- Weary (4)
- Possesses (4)
- Murk (6)
- Train (7)
- Flower (4)
- Idleness (6)
- Bravery (6)
- Reprove (5)
- Stopped (6)

DOWN

- Business chief (8)
- Inmate (8)
- Stir (8)
- One (6)
- Mohammedan judge (4)
- Scolded (7)
- Include as a member (9)
- Weary (4)
- Evidence (6)
- Postponed (6)
- Nervous (8)
- Opulence (6)
- Trim (4)
- Admiral (8)
- Stamps (6)
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- Admiral (8)
- Leaves (6)
- Man (6)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD — Across: 3. Admire; 8. Impede; 9. Illusion; 11. Stamps; 12. Stir; 13. Admire; 15. Karol; 16. Surgeon; 17. Complete; 18. Ermine; 19. Surgeons; 20. Impediment; 21. Stamps; 22. Admire; 24. Dull; 25. Opulence; 26. Trim. Down: 1. Postponed; 2. Impediment; 3. Surgeon; 4. Complete; 5. Ermine; 6. Surgeons; 7. Admire; 8. Stamps; 9. Illusion; 10. Surgeon; 11. Admire; 12. Postponed; 13. Opulence; 14. Trim; 15. Karol; 16. Surgeon; 17. Complete; 18. Ermine; 19. Surgeons; 20. Impediment; 21. Stamps; 22. Admire; 24. Dull; 25. Opulence; 26. Trim.

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Are Sheffield United Setting Too Hot A Pace For Themselves?

London. Home soccer fans are asking if Sheffield United are not setting too hot a pace for themselves in the race for the Second Division Championship. A fortnight ago, following a run of eight successive home victories, they crashed to Nottingham Forest. Last week at Griffin Park they were beaten 4-1 by Brentford, who on this showing seem much more like promotion prospects.

As a result of their defeat, inside-forward and captain, who was injured after only 15 minutes, is a different story altogether. He resumed on the left wing after treatment, but was a complete "passenger".

His injury threw the whole team out of order and we saw nothing of the fast moving forward line which in the previous 22 games had scored 51 goals.

WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE

It would be most unfortunate for Sheffield if Hagan's injury were to prove serious. Without him they appear to lack purpose and their promotion bid could come to a full stop.

The conditions under which the game was played were atrocious. Heavy rain, which persisted until shortly after the kick-off, left the pitch water-logged and even the best efforts of the local fire brigade, working with pumps, could only partially counteract the effects of the previous 48 hours.

These are conditions Brentford relish. The more the muddier is a favourite pastime among the fans on the terrace. And so proved this time. Sheffield made the great mistake of keeping the ball close with the result that their moves broke down time and time again.

Brentford exploited the long pass. The home half-back line of Harper, Greenwood and Hill quickly showed the way to success. They broke up early Sheffield raids with quick tackling and long kicking. And with the unfortunate injury to Hagan their task became so much easier that they assumed more or less complete command of the centre of the field.

FINE GOALKEEPING

By full-time Brentford were two up through outside-left Paton and centre-forward Monk. And had it not been for some fine goalkeeping by Burdin, who is a goal-keeper of exceptional ability, they would have doubled their score.

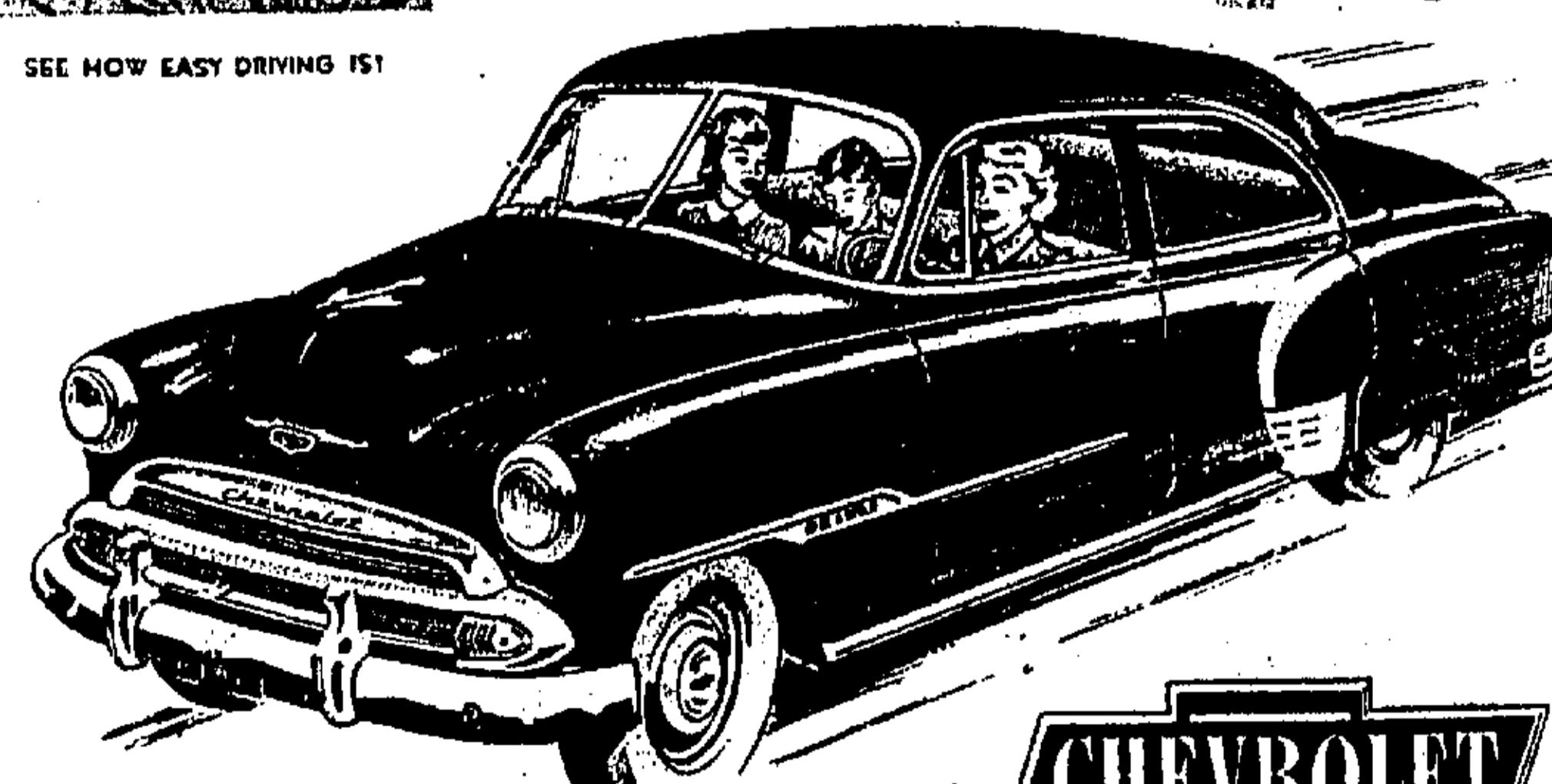
The Victorian directorate is now considering a strategic change in the forward line set-up and this may involve a sweeping transfer from wing to wing. One Widge is being considered for promotion.

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SOUTH CHINA—SAINTS MATCH THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHT

By "GRANDSTAND"

While all Softballers faithfully believe in the saying that while there's life there's hope, there comes a time in every series in which teams find themselves facing the crucial moment when an adverse decision might very well wreck all their chances for the coveted bunting which represents diamond supremacy.

Still clutching at the last straw, South China, with four losses against them, will face the high-riding Saints at 11.00 a.m. tomorrow in a last stand to feature the Senior "A" Division schedule, while the Pandas are all set to have another crack at the Overseas who handed them a humiliating shutout experience a month ago in their first-round encounter.

An interesting Junior League tussle is also carded for this afternoon with the Griffins and Pandas striving to better each other, while the powerful Wahoos meet the Squaws in a return engagement in the Ladies' Loop.

The record shows that South China have four losses against them, but those are only figures, for the Carolinians have dished out brilliant ball in those games only to lose out because Dame Fortune happened to look the other way. The Saints know this, too, and having kept pace with the League leaders so far in the torrid flag chase, will be fielding their strongest available.

Opposing hurlers will probably be P. C. Wong for South China and Tony Kwok for the Saints, unless the latter cracks wide open in which case veteran Sherry Bucks will have to work the old soup-bone again. South China is not in the same happy position, having too rely on Wong for the whole pitching staff.

On paper the Saints have every advantage—power-hitting combined with stone-wall defence in every position, while the Carolinians are only equipped to ward off attacks without much strength at the plate.

The Saints should be able to tick this one away unless they let the tricky squeeze-play better them. This, however, is not likely, as the South China strategy of bunt-play is too well-known, but there are no files on mentor Art Ozorio of the Saints who can adapt his outfit to any surprise attack.

Then why did bench boss Barros field him?

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With the very first pitch, it was obvious that mound-artist Vic Pedroso was not in his regular frame of mind. His concentration was ruffled to the extent that he walked three men in the first chapter, and with the loss of confidence, he eased up on his pitches, and they proved to be "duck soup" to the Madcaps.

What happened is in the record books—the Jaguars went down with several convincing victories, and with hurler Jackie Wei in his current top form, Wally Ma has nothing to fear.

This does not mean that the Pandas can take things easy, for although the Overseas have booted runs away recently, bossman Frank Poon can still patch up the cracks in time to avert disaster—an example of this came last week when he yanked Sammy Louie from the mound just in time to grab a losing game out of the fire.

Opposing Jackie Wei will be Lam Ping, former Junior League hurler who has made the grade in his first senior year, while hustling Harry Louie will be behind the batter calling the plays.

This will be a good game, and fans will be out to watch if the Overseas can duplicate their previous feat to show it was not a flash in the pan. Odds are against them doing it, but who can tell what may happen in a ballgame?

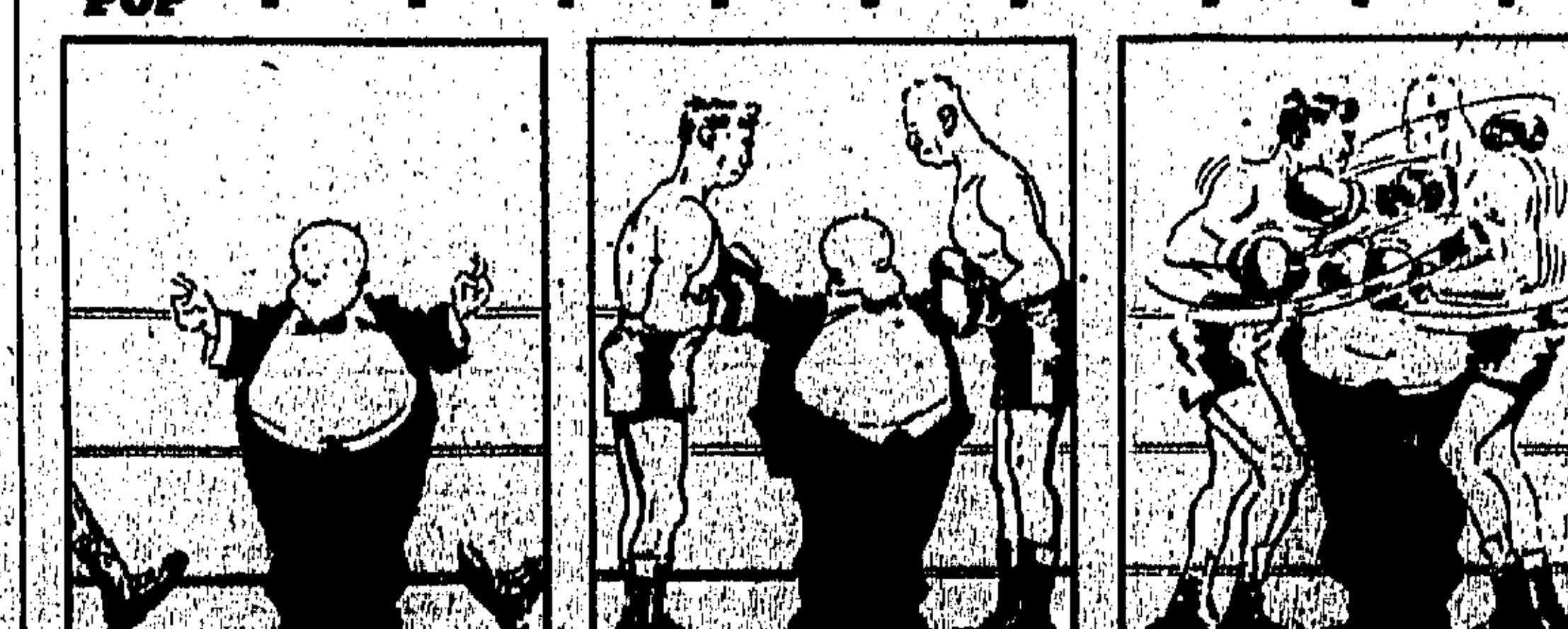
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Right now fuel for the hot-stove League is provided by the sensational Jaguar crack-up last week in which they dropped a 7-4 decision after building up a four-run cushion in the initial chapter.

To those whose eagle eyes watch every movement while the diamond gladiators battle it out on the field, the Jaguars lost the game when they trotted out on to the field with the undercurrent of protest visibly exposed on their facial expressions.

TOUGH TIME

With only nine men to field, the others being unavailable that afternoon, bossman Frande Barros had a tough time setting up the best possible defense in every position, while the Carolinians are only equipped to ward off attacks without much strength at the plate.

While not underrating Umbe Moss's ability as a catcher, even the greenest rookie in the game knows he is not the best in the Jaguars' lineup.

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it easier for you to keep track of
them.

Cowboys spend hours working
out their personal brands. (They
use a stick on a smoothed-over
sandy spot, but you can do as
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Everyone of them hopes to use
his brand some day when he
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if you never see a cow you can
make your own brand. If you
can have a castle in Spain, why
can't you have a cattle ranch in
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- 9. Jump
- 10. Sheltered inlet
- 10. Den
- 11. Heavy blow
- 12. Visionary
- 14. Shade tree
- 15. Competition
- 19. Church part
- 20. Tidy
- 22. Mimicked
- 23. Group of three signers
- 24. Pig sty
- 25. Insect

Down

- 1. Measure of cloth
- 2. Conduct
- 3. Imperial
- 4. Completed
- 5. Above
- 6. Through
- 8. Trimmed with the beak
- 9. Remark
- 13. Altitude (ab.)
- 14. Sleeveless garment
- 15. Baking chamber
- 17. Slave
- 18. Kite part
- 19. Short sleep
- 21. Pinything.

RIDDLES

- 1. Which animal travels with the most luggage?
- 2. Which animals travel with the least luggage?
- 3. Why is a rosebud like a promissory note?
- 4. Why is the house of a tidy wife like a motion to adjourn?
- 5. What is more apparent in a baseball pitcher than his opponent?

Mr. Aesop Illustrates a Story

—It's About a Horse and a Mean and Selfish Dog—

By MAX TRELL

AS soon as they drew near he
edge of the brook, at the
place where the willow tree
stands bent over the water.
Knarf and Hanid could see
their friend King Nep. A few
moments later they saw with
him a little old man with a
wrinkled face and bright, very
bright eyes.

King Nep (who used to be
known as King Neptune, the
Ruler of the Seven Seas) greeted
them joyfully, for he was
always happy to see them.
Then he suddenly remembered
that he had a guest.

Very Old Companion
"My dear," King Nep said to
Knarf and Hanid, "I would
like you to know a very old com-
panion of mine whom I haven't
seen for many, many years.
This is Mr. Aesop," he said,
turning to the old man.

Knarf and Hanid shook their
heads. At this, King Nep turned
to Mr. Aesop and smiled.

"There," he chuckled, "never
even heard of you. Now
what do you think of that?"

"I think I'm very lucky,"
replied Mr. Aesop, much to the
surprise of Knarf and Hanid,
who didn't think it much of a
compliment to them to have
anybody say that he felt lucky
that they didn't know him.

"What Mr. Aesop means,"
King Nep hastened to explain,
"is that he can tell you some
of his stories and be sure that
you haven't heard them before.
Go ahead," he said to Mr. Aesop,
"tell them the story of the
dog in the manger."

Don't Have to Tell It
"Gladly," said Mr. Aesop.
"Only I don't have to tell it to
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Careless Playing Aids Opponents

By OSWALD JACOBY

LAST was dealt so many low cards in today's hand that he gave up hope. He was sure the opponents would get to a game—perhaps a slam, and he wasn't really surprised when they eventually bid six spades. Instead of looking for a chance to set the contract, East played haphazardly and carelessly. One slip was enough to let South make the contract.

West opened the king of clubs, and dummy won with the ace. Declarer hopefully tried two rounds of trumps, but the lead would be unavoidable if all the trumps had been drawn in two rounds. When it became apparent that West had the third trump, South had something to work on, and he correctly bid clubs and supported hearts. He was obviously short in diamonds.

Tricks all flashed through declarer's hand very quickly. Without stopping for breath he continued with four more rounds of trumps. On the fifth East carefully drew a low diamond from his worthless five-card holding that set up South's last diamond and assured the slam contract.

East's play was very ill-advised to be sure. The bidding should have told him that his diamonds were more precious than gold or silver. It was clear that West and dummy

were short in clubs, and the bidding should have been a pain in the home decorating.

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Living Language

Why we say Drink a toast.

Why "toast"? Because bits of toasted bread were (and sometimes still are) left floating in the loving-cup passed round at banquets. Then in Charles II's reign a beau once drank the health of a noted beauty in water taken from her bath, which caused a wit to remark he didn't want the loving-cup (the bathwater) so much as the toast floating in it (the lady herself). From this episode came the present phrase "drink a toast."

TODAY'S RUGGER

By "Hanlincode"

This afternoon, those old Colony rivals, the Club and the Army, meet in the third round of the local Rugger competition. The match is to be played off at the Army Ground, Sooknupoo at 4.15 p.m., but before this, at 3 p.m., the Navy meet the RAF in the curtain raiser.

In the Navy RAF match, the RAF will try to do better than against the Police a fortnight ago. They are up against formidable opposition, especially in the Naval back line. In this van they are up against a very lively pack who play much the same type of football as the RAF do themselves. We know anyhow that they will try hard and not give up easily.

THE HIGHLIGHT

The second game, however, looks as though it will be the highlight of the afternoon. It is rather interesting to look back over the matches this season and to note that Army drew with Club the last time they met and that in this match the score all came from infringements, in fact three points each or a penalty goal to both teams.

In line with this is the rather peculiar fact that both the Army and the Club have just managed to defeat the Navy by one point in their last matches, and according to some, both teams should have succumbed to the Naval forwards. However, be that as it may, the fact remains that on paper there is absolutely no difference in the points standing of these two teams.

In the back division the Club have a very strong defensive line with behind them a fullback of proven ability. The Club halves are without doubt the best in the Colony, while the forwards are known for their never-give-up quality.

To match this the Army have a very fast and tricky back line and to feed them they have a very fine pair of halves, who play good attacking football and are very sound in defence.

The Army eight, while maybe not in the past as noticeable as the Club men, have some fine players amongst them and are capable of going flat out for the entire game.

EVERY EFFORT

Today, they will make every effort to lower their opposition's mighty men and so break the unbroken record of the Club in the post-war series of the Pentangular Tournament, for it is in this department more than any other that Club rely, and have in the past excelled, for without the forwards getting the ball no set of backs can do much to win the game.

This is going to be a good game and a goodly crowd of spectators is anticipated.

On the mainland, the Police "A" XV and the RA XV will do battle at the Police Ground, Boundary Street at 4.15 p.m. and at 3.00 p.m. the Club 2nd String are pitted against the 68th Medium Rgt.

These two games will be good entertainment and should be worth seeing for the Kowloonites who doesn't fancy the traffic problems in Hongkong today.

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Abide-Above-Bubbles-Bables
Bra-Bra-Bra-Bra-Bra-Bra-Bra
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Tide-Edd-Edd-Edd-Edd
Cartier-Barter-Barter-Barter
Test-Test-Test-Test-Test-Test-Test
Leave-Bear-Bear-Bear-Bear
Burden-Lord-God-Dago-Sago-Sago
Onions-Unions-Unions-Jack
Jill

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Fate Of Statute
Of Europe
In The Balance

Strasbourg, Nov. 30.

The fate of the proposed new statute of the Council of Europe was in the balance tonight after strong objections to the "automatic" enactment of agreements reached in Strasbourg.

The disputed article—which was severely criticised by British, Belgian, German and Norwegian delegates—proposed that conventions should be deemed ratified by each member State if no resolution to the contrary had been passed by the Parliament of that State within six months.

The article added, "All the terms and provisions of the convention should become part of the internal law of the member State ratifying the convention."

Mr Henri Rolin, Belgian Socialist, said that the whole section of the Statute should be revised by lawyers of experience in international law.

On the suggestion of M. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian President of the Council's Consultative Assembly (Lower House), a committee of eight was at once set up to examine the chapter anew.

Mr Rolin said that some countries would have to revise their constitutions before they could accept the article. It implied ignorance of the nature of conventions. Conventions were for external affairs. They did not enter the domain of domestic legislation.

He said that nothing would give greater impetus to the efforts being made in the Political Committee to achieve a more hopeful atmosphere in which to discuss armament than a change in Russia's attitude to Yugoslavia.

The allegations had not been controverted by the Soviet delegate, who had merely listed the frontier incidents for which he blamed Yugoslavia.

Mr Gladwyn Jebb said that one considerable cause of tension between East and West was the Soviet tendency to declare that "those who are not for me are against me."

"If the Soviet Union wanted to diminish tension, it should tomorrow arrange for normal diplomatic intercourse between Yugoslavia and its satellite neighbours."

"A COVER" The New Zealand delegate, Mr J. V. Wilson, and the French delegate, M. Guérin de Beaumont, supported the Yugoslav resolution.

British delegation sources declined to comment on the possibility of Mr Eden coming though a Conservative Party spokesman said that as far as he knew there had been no change in Mr Eden's intention not to propose to set up a committee of eight.

European delegates were undecided to have suggested to British Conservatives that the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, should come to Strasbourg during the planned visits of the French, Italian, West German, Belgian and Norwegian Foreign Ministers between December 8 and 10, just before the Council of Europe ends its 1951 session.

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The French Foreign Minister, Mr Robert Schuman, is expected to make an important speech to the Assembly on the need for a political authority in Europe to control the proposed new army.

Mr Jonkheer van der Goes van Naters, a Dutch Socialist, has asked the Council's Political Committee to ask Mr Eden to appear before the Committee to answer a series of questions on Britain's attitude towards European unity.

Usually reliable sources said tonight that no action had been taken so far on this request—Reuter.

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Equestrian To Resign

London, Nov. 30.

Colonel Harry Lewellyn, with his 10-year-old day gelding, "Foxhunter," is one of the best show jumpers in the world, is to resign the captaincy of the British team after the Olympic Games in Helsinki next year. He will not retire altogether, but will jump more for pleasure than competition after 1952. After winning the King George V Cup at the White City International Horse Show in 1948, Colonel Lewellyn and Foxhunter became almost inseparable. Reuter.

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INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

Let the distance CD be n miles. $HP = m$ miles. $PO = p$ miles. Then $CD = m + n = mp$. But $CD = m - n$ miles. $m - n = (m + n) - 2n$ so $(m - n) = (m + n) - 2n$. But clearly $p = (m - n) - m = n$. So $n = 12$ miles. $CD = 12 + 12 = 24$ miles. $CD = 24$ miles. And it is 18 miles from Hockham to Gidea Park.

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"Let's not forget the cook's birthday—a gift might soften her up so we could have guests again some time!"

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office: registered, airmail and surface, close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
By Air

U.S.A. 2 p.m., P.A.A.
Formosa, 3 p.m., C.A.T.
Japan, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 6 p.m., Air France.

Malaya, 8 p.m., Air France.

Macau, 8 p.m., Lee Hong Tak Shing.

Japan, 2 p.m., ss Soochow.

Philippines, 2 p.m., ss Hirun.

Indo-China, 2 p.m., ss Anglina.

Indonesia, 2 p.m., ss Pres.

Fulmora, 2 p.m., ss Air France.

New Zealand, 2 p.m., ss Eastern, Malaya, Pakistan, Italy, 8 p.m., ss Caboto.

Canada, 8 p.m., ss Washington, Australia & New Zealand, 2 p.m., ss Chander.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
By Air

Formosa, 5 p.m., via H.K. Airways.

By Surface

Macau, 2 p.m., ss Fatshan.

Japan, noon, ss Sangala.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3
By Air

Japan, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.

Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., H.K.A.N.W.A.L.

Siam, Malaya, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

Indo-China, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

Malaya, 8 p.m., ss Pres.

Macau, 8 p.m., ss Lee Hong Tak Shing.

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton.

Siam, 10 a.m., ss Hermelin.

Philippines, 10 a.m., ss Ellinshire.

Canada, 10 a.m., ss Island Mall.

Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar,

India, Middle East, Great Britain,

Europe, 5 p.m., ss Canada, Central & South America, 1 p.m., ss Pres. Pierce.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4
By Air

Formosa, Japan, 11 a.m., via C.A.T.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 10 a.m., Air France.

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan,

Middle East, Africa, Great Britain,

Europe, 11.30 a.m., B.O.A.C.

Philippines, 10 a.m., ss Pres.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
By Air

La Rochelle, 11 a.m., via C.A.T.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 10 a.m., Air France.

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan,

Middle East, Africa, Great Britain,

Europe, 10 a.m., B.O.A.C.

Philippines, 10 a.m., ss Pres.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
By Surface

La Rochelle, 8 a.m., via C.A.T.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 7 a.m., Air France.

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan,

Middle East, Africa, Great Britain,

Europe, 7 a.m., B.O.A.C.

Philippines, 7 a.m., ss Pres.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

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